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Angry Belgrade cuts aid to defiant Bosnia Serbs

■ While the West agonises over military intervention, the Bosnian Serbs face isolation as even their closest allies turn on them after rejection of the UN peace plan

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND NICHOLAS WOOD IN LONDON AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE government of Serbia, denouncing plans for a referendum on the Vance-Owen peace plan, last night stepped up pressure on the recalcitrant Bosnian Serbs by threatening to cut all financial and material assistance.

"Reasons no longer exist for further assistance in money, fuel and raw materials," a statement said. The sealing of the borders between Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs has long been a demand of Lord Owen as a means of strangling the war-making capability of the Bosnian Serbs.

The border has been open for the entire war and thousands of tons of petrol, weapons and ammunition have poured into Bosnia, as well as men who have fought on the Bosnian Serb side. Western



experts believe that the Bosnian Serbs have so long assumed that this vital supply route would be open that they have not stockpiled much matériel: cutting off the flow would therefore have a swift and devastating impact.

President Clinton last night angrily condemned the Bosnian Serb parliament's rejection of the peace plan and ordered Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to intensify pressure on Britain, France and other allies to agree to military intervention in the Balkans conflict. The allies are still deeply divided over the advisability of air strikes.

The announcement of the new Serbian measures was made on Belgrade television following a cabinet meeting which described the vote against the peace plan as irresponsible. Belgrade condemned the decision, after an all-night meeting in Pale, to call a referendum as "simply a shield". Serbia had been unselfish in giving financial aid beyond its means at a time of great economic difficulties, and would now limit its help to sending food and medical supplies to the Bosnian Serbs.

Serbia would continue to give asylum to refugees, but the announcement made it plain that it would no longer give hospitality to Bosnian Serb leaders who have been accused of living there in the lap of luxury.

"The republic of Serbia ... can no longer tolerate seeing certain leaders from (Bosnia) living in comfort in Belgrade while they offer to their people in the Serb republic (of Bosnia) only a policy of sacrifice and poverty," the statement said. It made no reference to weapons, which Serbia has never admitted supplying to the Bosnian militias.

The Belgrade announcement came as a statement from John Major in the Commons indicated he had been trying to recruit President Milosevic to assist the international efforts to bring peace to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

If the Serbian leader is willing to do so, as now seems clear, Britain stands ready to do its best to dissuade the United States from air strikes on Serbia for the time being. If, however, Mr Milosevic is unwilling to comply, the Western allies will conclude that his proclaimed readiness to ensure approval of the Athens agreement on the peace plan is no more than a sham.

In the Commons, the prime minister warned President Milosevic, who had vainly urged the Pale assembly to back the peace deal, that Serbia would face "mounting pressure" until the fighting in the war-torn former Yugoslav republic was ended.

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AUDACIOUS OFFER FROM FUGITIVE NADIR

ADRIAN BROOKS



Free and easy: Asil Nadir relaxing with friends at home in Lapta, Northern Cyprus

Tip-off was given of flight

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND ANDREW FINKEL

ASIL Nadir last night made an audacious offer to the foreign secretary: he was prepared to return to Britain from Cyprus if he was guaranteed freedom of movement. At the same time, the Serious Fraud Office said it had received an anonymous call on Sunday saying that Mr Nadir was likely to flee.

Mr Nadir faxed a letter to Douglas Hurd, claiming that he had had a tough time at the hands of the British legal system. He said he wished that to be taken into account and promised to return if he was not imprisoned and had more freedom of movement.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the letter, which was sent from a Nadir company, A.N. Graphics, had been passed to the Home Office, which is unlikely to treat the missive as a sincere offer.

Legal sources in Northern Cyprus told *The Times* last night that Mr Nadir considers he has been conducting his defence "with one hand tied behind his back". He says that he needs to be able to travel to Cyprus to collect evidence in his defence.

Meanwhile, the fraud office, which yesterday obtained a warrant at the Old Bailey for the Mr Nadir's arrest, said it had received an anonymous telephone call in the early hours of Sunday morning suggesting that Mr Nadir was about to leave the country. Mr Nadir is due to stand trial in September on £30 million fraud charges following the collapse of his company Polly Peck in 1990.

The fraud office said Ramadan Guney, the Turkish Cypriot businessman in London who put up £1 million of Mr Nadir's £3.5 million bail, had

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Divorced wives win share in pensions

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN have won the right to a share of their husband's pensions when they divorce after a ground-breaking High Court ruling this week. A judge has paved the way for women to get pension rights which they previously lost when financial assets were divided in a divorce settlement.

The unprecedented decision, made in chambers, is thought to be the first in which a judge has altered the terms of a pension scheme to make immediate provision for the benefit of a wife.

The ruling came in a case in which Mr Justice Ewbank, sitting in the family division, upheld a decision by a district judge to vary a husband's pension fund so it gave his former wife an immediate annuity and a pension. The parties in the case, described on the court list as B v B, were not named.

Pension lawyers last night hailed the decision as a breakthrough with implications not only for ex-wives but also for thousands of self-administered pension schemes in small companies which may now find themselves paying out annuities and pensions to wives when their employees divorce.

Martin Ison, of Paisners, the solicitors, who worked on the case for four years, said he was delighted with the outcome. "Women have been striving for this for years. It has always been held by pension experts, pension companies, pension funds and lawyers that a pension was sacrosanct and could not be divided in the divorce courts.

"Everyone said this was a non-starter and that we would never get anywhere because there had been no case like it. But we ploughed through literally hundreds of cases going back years — and have succeeded in obtaining a decision which makes new law." It

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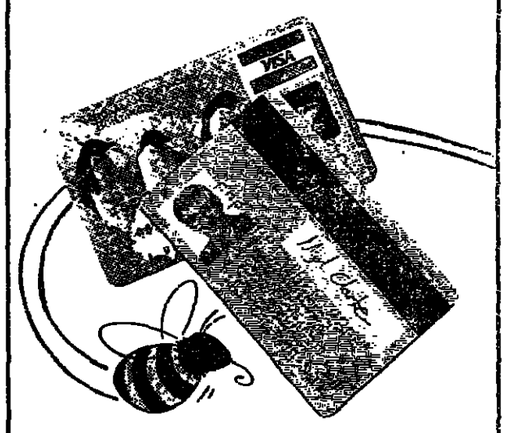
☐ It was, said Cecil, an urgent matter. A certain haircut was letting the party down on TV. The prime minister muttered, then picked up the phone ...

☐ Sir Ronald Millar was more than Margaret Thatcher's speech writer. As a family friend, he was privy to moments of high drama — and high comedy — within her inner circle. From tomorrow The Times is serialising Millar's autobiography, A View from the Wings, the book that puts the Thatcher years into context. And today (page 15) Millar tells Valerie Grove about the tricks of his trade.

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Major shrugs off Maastricht threat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major shrugged off the legal threat to the Maastricht treaty yesterday by pledging that Britain would ratify the treaty without incorporating the social chapter. He defiantly told the Commons: "We shall ratify the treaty which I signed at Maastricht — no change, no social chapter, no backdoor socialism."

As MPs pondered the implications of the government's move to accept the deletion of Britain's social chapter opt-out from the Maastricht legislation, senior cabinet ministers privately voiced confidence that the government would win the legal case to be brought by Euro-sceptics and that there would be little delay in ratification.

Legal authorities suggested a court wrangle could delay ratification for at least three months. But the cabinet was reported to be confident that the treaty would be ratified by the autumn at the latest, and that the court action would be swift, however many stages it went through.

As Baroness Thatcher stepped up her campaign for a referendum, Mr Major again rejected the idea. He told MPs: "We are a parliamentary democracy and I am not in favour of referendums." Lady Thatcher unveiled the results of a telephone survey showing that almost 52,000 people had called in to voice their opposition to the treaty.

The response was dismissed as insignificant by ministerial sources, who also claimed that the Maastricht Referendum Campaign had failed to achieve its target signatures for a national petition.

Lady Thatcher said the treaty was "equivalent to putting your head in the fire". She said: "It is the people's rights which are being diminished. It is the people's rights which are being handed from democracy to bureaucracy."

Mr Major told MPs that the sole effect of the amendment was to remove the treaty's social protocol, containing the British opt-out, from being incorporated into UK law. "But the opt-out remains part of the treaty," he declared.

Tory Euro-sceptics nodded in agreement. It is the alleged incompatibility between the treaty and the domestic legislation that will form the basis of the legal case.

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Mortgage valuations 'too high'

BY LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE pricing of mortgage valuations and the exclusion of some surveyors from lenders' panels is the subject of an investigation of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission following a reference from Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director General of Fair Trading.

His office has received a large number of complaints about the rising cost of the valuations, which are carried out for the lenders but are paid for by applicants. Surveyors and valuers have also complained that they have been excluded from building society and bank panels because they do not undertake to introduce new mortgage business to the lenders.

The cost for the valuations ranges from £125, for properties up to £50,000, to about £400. The valuations tell the lender that the property is a good security for the loan but 90 per cent of borrowers rely on them in deciding whether the property is sound.

The MMC should report in February on whether lenders are operating against the public interest.

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Branson takes up BA challenge to sue

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE long-running dispute between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic flared again last night when Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, issued a writ against BA in the High Court alleging breach of copyright, breach of confidence and misuse of confidential information.

After months of talks aimed at settling the "dirty tricks" dispute broke down, Mr Branson warned that he would take action in the United States against British Airways. Now, stung by a television programme which revived many of the old arguments, and a response from



Branson: testing his case in High Court

BA directors that "any claims which Mr Branson thinks he may have, should be stated in the appropriate courts", Virgin has decided to test the case in court.

Privately, Virgin has warned that it is likely to begin anti-trust action in America within the next six months.

Negotiations between the two sides broke down last month, in spite of offers by British Airways to pay up to £9 million in compensation for delays in maintenance to Virgin's aircraft, and offers by Virgin to settle the dispute which BA in turn found unacceptable.

Virgin, which received £600,000 in libel damages following the allegations of a dirty tricks campaign, said that it was now seeking "proper compensation for the commercial damage suffered, together with limited undertakings regarding BA's future conduct"

BA noted the statement and said it had "made it clear that any liability which it may have will be met in full and regrets that Virgin discontinued the settlement discussions."

The case could take several months to come before the High Court.

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Not drowning, not waving. Sinking!

Reports of bathers drowning at the seaside often speak of a time rather before it becomes obvious that the swimmer is in trouble. Obervers note that one of the bathers appears to have become separated from his companions, but is swimming still, his head above water. There are no clear signs of distress.

In time, the bather seems further from the beach. Whatever headway he was attempting, he is not moving as he should. Some grow concerned, but there is still no obvious panic. He is not crying out for help. Later, we realise that this was the critical interlude.

Yesterday, as Newbury Liberals surfed the crests of unofficial polls while Major's dull breaststroke inched him doggedly on, the leader of the Labour party seemed to your sketchwriter to be a man in just such a situation.

Thursday brings prime minister's questions and prime minister's questions bring Mr Smith. By an ancient tradition a few decades old, the leader of the Opposition is expected to wrestle with the PM each time, whether or not he has anything to ask.

When Neil Kinnock did the job, every session was like the next instalment of a Tom & Jerry cartoon: tomcat Kinnock never got his quarry, yet remained energetic, unsuppressable. There was always a new trick up his sleeve. But Mrs Thatcher was a formidable opponent.

Mr Major ought to be easier. He is not a natural performer and his government almost always seems in some kind of trouble. Yesterday Mr Smith turned up, as he usually does, a few minutes before the 3.15 kick-off. He walked through the swing doors at the back of the chamber and stood behind the Speaker's chair.

Smith does not like to be seen arriving much before the PM, but Major tends to arrive at the last minute. From where he stood, Smith could see that the PM was still absent. Rather than walk to his seat, he engaged one of the House officials in conversation, chatting a little awkwardly, one eye on the clock. At 3.13 he could wait no longer and strode forward. There were no cheers. He sat down. To a cheer from the Tory side, Major arrived just as the clock flicked over to 3.14.

John Smith rose on the first opportunity. The PM he faced, we reflected, seemed to be going down to a by-election defeat, his position on Bosnia appeared confused and his foreign secretary had just been forced into a ludicrous retreat over Maastricht. But for some reason Mr Smith had decided to ask about the Tories' tax record. He may have reasoned that, if it worked, his question would look good on the six o'clock news, as late voters set off for the local government polls.

But it did not work. The question lacked a mainspring. The indignation sounded routine. Major was prepared, offering a quote from Lord Desai (a Labour treasury spokesman) suggesting that he, Desai, would contemplate tax increases.

Lady Thatcher would have snorted "Desai *schmesai* — what do *you* believe?" or something like it; but Mr Smith huffed and puffed about Desai having said this before becoming a Labour spokesman. Major swung back with the news that it was taken from the latest issue of *Tribune*. Government poodles yapped triumphantly.

One ducking doesn't make a drowning, but week after week, as the Tory synchronised swimming falls apart, the new Labour leader just seems to puff and splutter, an anxious face bobbing in the current. Mr Smith is not drowning yet, but he is not waving.

Police find body on beach in hunt for missing father

By Richard Duce

THE body of a man, believed to be the missing husband wanted for questioning about the murders of his wife and children, was yesterday discovered on a beach in Suffolk.

Dennis Garvey's blue Volvo estate car was found abandoned several miles away in Gorleston near Great Yarmouth. It is not yet known if any note was found in the car or whether Mr Garvey, 43, had any connections with East Anglia.

Detectives investigating the murders of Julie Garvey, 37, and her two children Benjamin, 4 and Hannah, 2, had been searching for Mr Garvey, a computer technician, since their bodies were found on Tuesday morning by the family nanny at their Gloucestershire home. Officers confirmed that, subject to positive identification today, the search for Mr Garvey had been called off.

The murder of his wife and children shocked the small community of Teddington, where villagers regarded them as a model family. They were at a loss to understand why Mrs Garvey was battered to death with a wooden mallet. The two children, described by a neighbour as "the sweetest kids in the world", had no visible wounds and were believed to have been smothered in their beds.

Mr Garvey had a well-paid job with the Eagle Star insurance company in Cheltenham and there was no evidence that the family had any financial worries. Police investigating the murders began their search for Mr Garvey when he failed to arrive for work on Tuesday morning. Mrs Garvey also worked part-time, selling insurance for a bank. Police yesterday said they still had no clear motive for the killings.

Gloucestershire police were alerted yesterday that the body of a man had been found washed up on the beach at Ness Point, Lowestoft, the eastern most edge of Britain and that Mr Garvey's Volvo estate car had also been found.

Inspector Mike Pennington, of Gloucestershire police, said last night: "The body is of a man aged between 20 and 50. Just after lunchtime a blue Volvo was found in Gorleston, Great Yarmouth in Norfolk. There is roughly two miles between the two locations. First indications are that it could well be the body of Dennis Garvey."

Det Supt David Moss, deputy head of Suffolk CID, said: 'We don't know at this stage how he died or how he came to be in the water. We hope to have the answers to these questions after the post mortem."

Mr Garvey, who graduated in computer studies from Sheffield University, had not been seen by neighbours since Monday, when the family went on a bank holiday outing. Mrs Garvey and the children are thought to have been murdered some time on Monday night. The mallet used to murder her was recovered at the detached family home, which Mr Garvey bought eight years ago from a local farmer for £70,000 but is now valued at about £200,000.

Mr Garvey had been married before. His first wife died in a road accident about four years ago. A Home Office pathologist is to carry out a post mortem examination at the James Paget hospital in Gorleston. Mr Garvey's, parents who live in Leeds, were informed by police that a body had been found.

Yesterday, Mrs Garvey's parents Norman and Molly Roden left their home near Evesham. A neighbour, who refused to be named, said: "They are very shocked by what has happened and have taken it badly."

Dentists want patients to pay full cost of treatment

By James Landale

DENTAL patients should pay the full cost of NHS treatment, dentists' leaders recommended yesterday.

But the British Dental Association, the profession's governing body, added that patients should receive free examinations, check-ups and X-rays. Children, pregnant and nursing mothers and those on benefit should continue to receive free dental care.

Responding to the Bloomfield report on dentists' pay, the association said that "if the government is not prepared to put more resources into dentistry to pay for extra work, then priorities have to be set".

Basic care and treatment such as check-ups, X-rays and emergency treatment would be free to everyone, with charges levied only on any necessary treatment that followed.

At present, patients pay 80 per cent of the cost of their treatment, including examinations, with the health service covering the other 20 per cent of the cost. Under the new proposals, patients would pay the extra 20 per cent, with the savings being effectively used to provide free check-ups.

There is currently a standard charge of £5 for checks, although this varies slightly from dentist to dentist. The proposals mean that the bulk of adult dental services would move away from the health service.

A new association survey showed that as many as one in five dentists, compared with one in ten last year, were already doing only private work following the government's imposition of a 7 per cent cut in fees last July.

Michael Watson, spokesman for the association, said that the overwhelming view of dentists was that "if the government cannot afford free treatment for all, then the money must be targeted at specific patients and treatments".

He said: "What we have got is a mixture of both." Dentists had taken "a flavour of Bloomfield and put on some figures" but had not accepted any specific parts of the report.

The Bloomfield enquiry was set up after the government cut dentists' pay last year. It recommended a long list of options, which ranged from giving budgets to health authorities for the purpose of buying dental care, to a modification of the present system, where dentists are paid a fixed fee. The association yesterday rejected proposals for an internal market for dentistry.

David Blunkett, the Labour health spokesman, welcomed the free dental examinations but was worried that the association's overall approach would mean higher dental charges for many people. He said: "A service for the poor alone always ends up as a poor service.

"If a comprehensive oral health policy is to mean anything, then treatment must follow examination and diagnosis. The BDA's recommendations will mean that treatment will become ever more expensive for those not exempt from charges."

Mr Blunkett said that he was convinced that the government was intending to withdraw exemption from groups such as pregnant women.

"This strikes a blow at the very heart of the principles of the NHS and should therefore be rejected," he said.



In harmony: the soprano Lesley Garrett and Alf Walker, a veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic, on HMS *Belfast* in the Thames yesterday to launch a recording to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the battle

Governors to make spot checks on Group 4

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

FIVE Group 4 prison custody officers have been suspended from duty as police question staff and inmates at the Wolds remand jail after the discovery of an inmate unconscious in a company van.

A squad of governors from the state prison service is also to carry out spot checks on Group 4's court escort service. They will monitor Group 4's running of the first privatised prison escort service, check standards are being met and offer advice where necessary.

Last night, James Hogg remained in a "critical condition" in intensive care at Hull Royal Infirmary, after being found unconcious in the Group 4 van taking him from court to the Wolds. Mr Hogg, 38, from Dundee, is on a life support machine. His condition deteriorated overnight, according to a hospital spokesman.

The latest incident is a further embarrassment to the government's drive to inject private sector skills into the penal system. Group 4 has tendered for the contract to run Strangeways jail when it reopens later this year but the latest controversy is likely to make it politically impossible for ministers to award them the contract.

Three prison custody officers, on duty at Rotherham Magistrates' Court when Mr Hogg appeared with five others accused of importing amphetamines, and the driver and officer in charge of the Group 4 vehicle were suspended from duty on Wednesday. Stephen Twinn, executive director of communications for Group 4 prison and court services, said the suspensions were a "precautionary measure".

Mr Twinn denied that any of the other five prisoners, travelling in the van from the court to the Wolds on Tuesday had needed medical treatment in hospital.

Ex-wives win pension

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would affect the many smaller, company-run pension schemes in existence rather than big company pension schemes run by outside managers because that is the sort of scheme involved in this case. It was likely they would have to be reviewed, at possibly huge costs in time and money, to determine the full impact of the judgment.

Another divorce lawyer, James Marcus of Gordon Dadds, said the ruling would change the face of divorce procedure. "This is marvellous news for those who stood to lose pension rights as a result of divorce."

The Labour party and the National Association of Pension Funds proposed new laws to allow pension-splitting on divorce as already happens in Scotland. The government has not acted because of argument over how the wife's share should be calculated.

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We know that the British house of commons, without shutting its doors to any merit in any class, is, by the sure operation of adequate causes, filled with everything illustrious in rank, in descent, in hereditary and in acquired opulence, in cultivated talents, in military, civil, naval, and political distinction, that the country can afford.

But supposing, what hardly can be supposed, a change that the house of commons should be composed in the same manner with the Tiers Etat in France, would this dominion of chicane be borne with patience, or even received without horror? God forbid I should insinuate any thing derogatory of that profession, which is another priesthood, administering the rites of sacred justice.

But whilst I revere men in the functions which belong to them, and would do as much as one man can do, promote their exclusive emolument, I cannot, to flatter them, give the lye to nature.

They are good and useful in the composition: they must be mischievous if they preponderate so as wholly to become the whole. Their excellence is their relative function, which may be far from a qualification for others.

I cannot escape observation, that when men are too much confined to professional and faculty habits, and, as it were, involuted in the recurrent employment of that narrow circle, they are rather disabled than qualified for whatever depends on the knowledge of mankind, on experience in mixed affairs, on a comprehensive connected view of the various complicated external and internal interests which go to the formation of the multifarious thing called a state.

After all, if the house of commons were to have an wholly professional and faculty composition, what is the power of the house of commons, circumscribed and shut in by the immovable barriers of laws, usages, positive rules of doctrine and practice, counterpoized by the house of lords, and every moment of its existence at the discretion of the crown to continue, or rogue, or dissolve us?

The power of the house of commons, direct or indirect, is indeed great; and long may it be able to preserve its greatness, and the spirit belonging to true greatness. The [illegible] and [illegible] can keep the breakers of law in India from becoming the makers of law for England.

The power, however, of the house of commons, when least diminished, is as a drop of water in the ocean, compared to that residing in a settled majority of your Nation[illegible]

That Assembly, since the destruction of the orders, has no fundamental law, no strict convention, no respected usage to restrain it.

Instead of finding [illegible] obliged to [illegible] constitution, they have power to make a constitution which shall conform to their designs.

Nothing in heaven or upon earth can serve as a control on them.

What [illegible] ...erts, [illegible] ...ssion, are not qualified, or that dare, not only to make laws under a fixed constitution, but at one heat to strike out a totally new constitution for a great kingdom, and in every part of it, from the [illegible] to the vestry of a parish?

But - *'fools rush in where angels fear to tread'.*

In such a state of unbounded power, for undefined purposed, the veil of a moral and almost physical inaptitude of the man to the function must be the greatest we can conceive to happen in the management of human affairs.

When men of rank sacrifice all ideas of dignity to ambition without distinct object, and work with low instruments and for low ends, the whole composition becomes low and base.

Does not something like this now appear in France? Does it not produce something ignoble and inglorious? a kind of [illegible] in all the prevalent policy and tendency in all that have to lord along with individuals all the dignity and importance of the state?

Other revolutions have been conducted by persons, who, whilst they attempted of affected [illegible] in the commonwealth, ratified their ambition by advancing the dignity of the people whose peace they troubled.

They had long views.

They aimed at the rule, not at the destruction of their country. They were [illegible] and great military [illegible] terror, the [illegible] of their age.

They were not like brokers contending with each other who could best remedy with fraudulent circulation and depreciated paper the wretchedness and ruin brought on their country by their deficient councils.

But your present confusion, like a palsy, has attacked the fountain of lie itself. Every person in your country in a situation to be actuated by a principle of honour, is disgraced and degraded, and can entertain no sensation of life, except in a mortified and humiliated indignation.

Edmund Burke. *Reflections on The Revolution in France.*

Police claim to have foiled 10 IRA attacks

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

UNDERCOVER police operations in London have foiled more than ten IRA bombing attempts in the past 18 months, according to a senior Scotland Yard source.

Details of the operations are being kept secret because of fears the IRA will adapt its tactics, but police claim they have been far more successful than the public realises. The operations are not as spectacular as confronting suspects on the streets, but are effective.

The source said yesterday the terrorists were vulnerable because of the long chain of events from a decision in Ulster and the Irish Republic to mount an attack on the gathering of material and manpower in London. Some of the operations are likely to include covert surveillance or a deliberate attempt by police to frighten suspected terrorists by revealing police interest. In the wake of the Bishopsgate bomb, fresh operations are being considered as both City and Yard commanders acknowledge that the IRA could still mount another big attack in the area.

One senior Yard source said yesterday the City remained at risk. "You can't make any assumptions about the pattern of bombing," he said. "They will try to wrong-foot us."

Owen Kelly, commissioner of the City force, said yesterday he could not give a 100 per cent guarantee that the IRA would not mount another attack, but the City was a safe place to do business. "The risk continues and we operate on that basis," he said. The Bishopsgate bombing was a disappointment, he said, but "given the conditions, we could not prevent it".

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Proctor's attackers jailed

TWO men who broke the nose of a government minister and the finger of an ex-Tory MP on what was described as a "gay-bashing expedition" were jailed yesterday.

Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told that Neil Hamilton, trade undersecretary, was beaten up when he tried to help Harvey Proctor, the former MP for Billericay, to get the abusive youths to leave Mr Proctor's shop in Richmond. He had opened it after leaving Parliament following allegations of spanking rent boys.

James Coomber, 20, of Roehampton, and David Parker, 21, of East Sheen, both west London, were jailed for six months on charges of causing bodily harm. Brendan Finucane, for the prosecution, said they delivered a "tirade of abuse". "To put it bluntly, they were on a gay-bashing expedition."

Habgood acts to stop C of E split

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, is leading moves that could prevent a split in the Church of England over women priests.

Dr Habgood and other bishops, including the Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev Michael Adie, have formed the York Group to meet regularly and discuss the issue. They are keen to forestall large-scale defections and to that end are proposing an act of synod providing safeguards for those opposed to the ordination of women.

Church leaders are predicting that the first women could be ordained next February, after the General Synod is convened to "promulgate" or proclaim the legislation, at present on its way through Parliament.

Brian Hanson, legal adviser to the synod, said: "We are at the second-draft stage. An act of synod would be morally although not legally binding."

An act of synod would be a big concession to those opposed to the ordination of women and go much further to allay their fears than the original measure passed by the synod last November.

Some supporters of the ordination of women are seeking assurances that an act of synod will not go so far as to create an extra-territorial diocese for opponents, and thus legalise a "church within a church". According to the *Church Times*, the act will be debated by the synod's house of bishops when it meets next month.

Correction

Sir Donald Acheson retired as Chief Medical Officer on his sixty-fifth birthday in 1991; he did not resign, as incorrectly reported on April 5. Sir Donald asks us also to make clear that, from 1986 onwards, the government has had his unqualified support for its policies on Aids.

News in Brief

£30m drugs found in liquid-egg tanker

Drugs worth more than £30 million were found yesterday hidden in a liquid-egg tanker. The haul included £10 million worth of amphetamines, weighing more than 300lb, and a million Ecstasy tablets, which would sell for about £20 each on the street. Scotland Yard said it was the biggest single haul of such drugs.

Police and customs officers, acting on information, saw the tanker arrive at Dover from Zeebrugge late on Wednesday and followed it to a warehouse at Dagenham, east London. The Dutch driver and two British men who met the tanker were arrested. Police said it was supposed to be delivering liquid egg to Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

Soldiers' trial ends

Judgment has been reserved in the trial of six paratroopers facing charges arising from the deaths of Karen Reilly, 18, and Martin Peake, 17, who were shot dead in a stolen car in west Belfast in September 1990. One of the six, Private Lee Clegg, denies murdering Miss Reilly, and denies, with two others, the attempted murder of Mr Peake, the driver.

Ian Mikardo dies

The former Labour party chairman Ian Mikardo died in hospital yesterday, aged 84. A backbencher from 1945 until his retirement in 1987, he had lengthy spells on Labour's national executive. During his career he attacked the prices and incomes policies of Labour governments and Barbara Castle's attempts at trade union reform. Obituaries, page 19

BR is fined £3,000

British Rail has been fined £3,000 for advertising a Pullman train that never existed. Hull magistrates were told that BR decided to abolish the executive 10am weekday service for Hull businessmen travelling to London in August 1992, but did not alter the printed timetables, which had just been printed, because it cost too much. BR pleaded guilty.

£15,000 bid for whisky

A bid of £15,000 by a Scottish businessman is set to break the world record price for a bottle of spirits by the time bidding closes on September 30. The bottle, one of 12 of The Macallan 60 years old, was distilled in 1926 and bottled with labels by the Italian artist Valerio Adami. The previous record of £5,500 was for a bottle of the same spirit with a label by Peter Blake in 1987.

Fugitive tycoon emerges looking relaxed and tells throng of waiting press: 'I'm so happy to see you here'

Casual Nadir makes himself at home and plans a new career

FROM CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT IN LAPTA AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

■ Asil Nadir promises to meet the press today after claims that he has a Cypriot business empire worth £20 million

ASIL Nadir made his first public appearance yesterday since his dramatic flight from Britain, jumping bail of £3.5 million and abandoning personal debts amounting to hundreds of millions of pounds. He emerged at noon on the doorstep of his white-washed villa in Lapta, looking every inch the relaxed tycoon of old.

Any doubts that he had found a haven were removed at an extraordinary meeting held by ministers of the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus yesterday in Nicosia to discuss his arrival. Kenan Atakol, a spokesman, said afterwards: "It is not possible to extradite Mr Nadir against his will."

Mentes Aziz, a lawyer and close friend of Mr Nadir, said last night that his wealth in northern Cyprus was between £20 million and £25 million. This was based on the value of a number of companies wholly owned by Mr Nadir and not involved in the collapse of Polly Peck.

Mr Nadir, wearing an open-necked shirt and showing little trace of tension, made a brief statement yesterday and after reporters and camera crews began to block his front door and choke the main street he promised a full press conference today.

It was some time before he could make himself heard above the babble of questions. "I think, if you don't mind me saying so, you should all calm down," he said. "I am so happy that you have shown this interest and are here. I'm sorry that you have had to stay out here. Tomorrow, if you are still interested, we will meet at the Jasmin Court Hotel at 11.30 for a full press conference."

He then refused to answer more questions and returned inside. But a Turkish newspaper, *Sabah*, published comments he is said to have made to his son Birol. The paper reports Mr Nadir as saying: "I have put up with everything up until now and I submitted myself to British justice but then I saw that justice would not be forthcoming. After I was convinced of this, I did what I did."

It was difficult to find anyone among the state's 150,000 population who would wish him to leave, although a few said they would have preferred him to come in different circumstances. One of his workers near his home said: "I love him. He has made 4,000 jobs here."

The support for him showed itself in the steady stream of visitors to the villa. Friends, lawyers, relatives and business associates came to welcome him. His mother Safiye Nadir, whom he has not seen since his passport was taken away after his arrest two years ago, was one of the first people to see him. Bilge, his sister, and Birol were also early visitors.

It was also clear that he was mapping out his new life, both business and private, in exile. The extent of his business interests are on the island are unclear and yesterday the shutters were down at Polly Peck's offices.

According to Mr Aziz, Mr Nadir owns the Industrial Bank of Kibris, which has six branches and was started by Irfan Nadir, Mr Nadir's father, 12 years ago. He said that Mr Nadir also owned A-N Graphics, a publishing company started eight years ago for £4 million and now worth about £20 million, and a property company called Yellowstone. He had personal assets in Turkey.

These companies are separate from Polly Peck and form the core of Mr Nadir's new business life. A week ago, the unoffical government of northern Cyprus was reported to have confiscated all his enterprises to meet obligations stemming from £2.8 million in unpaid taxes. However, the move was widely seen as a strategy to prevent their sale by British administrators trying to recover stolen cash from Polly Peck.

☐ Asil Nadir's home in Belgravia, central London, is to go on sale for at least £2 million. The three-bedroom flat, where Mr Nadir probably spent his last night in Britain, has been repossessed by the Duke of Westminster's Grosvenor estate.

A spokesman for the estate said last night: "We will be putting it back on the market for at least £2 million. Its notoriety alone could add a substantial premium."

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What the papers say: a customer at a news-stand in Ankara reads the banner headline — Asil Nadir's return for revenge



George Staples, head of the Serious Fraud Office, after seeking a warrant for Mr Nadir yesterday

France was the first staging post in journey to Cyprus

BY JAMIE DETTMER AND RAY CLANCY

ASIL Nadir travelled to France before boarding the executive jet that flew him to Istanbul en route for Cyprus, it emerged yesterday.

Detectives from the Serious Fraud Office were last night trying to trace an American named by Turkish Cypriot officials as the pilot of the Cessna Citation that arrived in Cyprus on Tuesday night with Mr Nadir on board.

Channel 4 News last night reported that the Citation flew to Dinard in Brittany, and then on to Beauvais near Paris with only the pilot on board. At the same time, a light aircraft flew from Compton Abbas, Dorset, to Beauvais with one passenger who transferred to the Citation which then went on to Vienna, Istanbul and on to Cyprus.

Details of the American-owned jet, which took off from Hatfield on Monday, are being sought in efforts to determine the movements of Mr Nadir and those who helped him. British Aerospace, owners of the airfield, have been contacted by the Fraud Office. Officers are studying documents relating to the aircraft, including the flight plan filed before it left Britain.

According to Ian Woodward, director of public relations at BAe, the pilot intended to fly to a destination in France. Mr Woodward said that BAe and London Business Aviation, which operates the airfield, are certain that Mr Nadir was not on board when the plane departed.

The Northern Cyprus government last night confirmed that Mr Nadir was flown from Istanbul to Ercan airport on a Cessna Citation. They named the US pilot as David Maes. British police are convinced that it is the same aircraft that left Hatfield. The plane, owned by Flamingo 500 Inc, of Wilmington, Delaware, is operated out of Hatfield by Michael Hamlin Jets. Michael Hamlin was unavailable for comment yesterday, although earlier he had denied that Mr Nadir had left Britain on board one of his aircraft.

Nadir sets terms for return to UK

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told them he was behind the call. Mr Guney emerged smiling from his music shop in Haringey last night and would only say "no comment" to reports that his associates contacted the office four times last week with information about Mr Nadir's plans.

Asked whether he had been in touch with Mr Nadir, Mr Guney said: "Like you, I have only seen him on television. He is happy, laughing and drinking and enjoying himself."

After the telephone call, the police made an "all ports warning" and notified different forces that Mr Nadir might try to abscond. However, the Turkish Cypriot businessman, attended Savile Row police station on Monday evening as usual.

The fraud office said it has received information "on a number of occasions from a variety of sources suggesting that Mr Nadir might immediately abscond". At least twice surveillance operations had been carried out to try to trap Mr Nadir.

Foreign Office sources said the Turkish ambassador will come under pressure today at a meeting at the Foreign Office to return Mr Nadir, who is in the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, to Britain.

A spokesman at the Turkish foreign ministry in Ankara said, however, that legally there is very little Turkey can do to extradite a man from northern Cyprus who has broken no Turkish law.

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Girl wins right to seek split

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A GIRL aged 13 won an appeal yesterday that paves the way for a legal action which would enable her to live apart from her adoptive parents.

The Court of Appeal ruled that the girl could proceed with her action, blocked by a High Court judge's order. The case is thought to be the first in which a child has tried to use the Children Act 1989 to end a failed relationship with adopters. The girl, identified only as "C", wants to live with an aunt at the home of her natural father's parents.

Last November, a district judge in Bristol accepted she had sufficient understanding and gave her permission to seek a residence order. But her adoptive parents went to the High Court, where Mr Justice Thorpe made her a ward of court, effectively removing her rights under the Children Act. The act allows a child of sufficient understanding to hire solicitors, obtain legal aid and go to court.

Yesterday, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justices Staughton and Waite said the judge was wrong to invoke wardship and discharged the order. The residence case will now continue in Bristol.

£1m robbers cling to underside of van

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO masked gunmen infiltrated a security depot by clinging to the underside of an armoured van for almost a mile before escaping with £1 million in cash. At least four men are thought to have been involved in the operation to steal cash from Armaguard, based on an industrial estate in Carlisle, Cumbria police said yesterday.

The first man is believed to have acted as a decoy by feigning problems with his car at a roundabout a mile away on the outskirts of the city on Wednesday evening and making the crew of the Security Express van stop.

It was then that the two gunmen are thought to have somehow hidden beneath the van's chassis while the security guards were distracted. One theory is that they had been hiding in a nearby field and used a specially made harness to attach themselves to the vehicle.

Once inside the Armaguard depot, the raiders forced staff into the company vault at gunpoint and seized about £1 million in purple cloth bags bearing the logo of the National Westminster Bank.

The fourth member of the gang then drove the gunmen away in a white Transit van, which was later found abandoned half a mile away in the car park of a superstore. Det Chief Supt Ian Douglas, who is heading the enquiry, said: "It was a well planned and executed robbery, but I am not praising these people, they had guns and may well have used them."

Armaguard, based in St Albans, Hertfordshire, yesterday flew its national security manager, Michael O'Neill, to the scene where he spent the day liaising with detectives. The company is offering a "substantial" reward, believed to be up to £100,000, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the raiders.

Police said last night that the getaway van had a false number plate and had been stolen from a Carlisle hire firm some time between April 24 and 26. They are anxious to trace anyone who saw the van, registered with the number H502 RWB, after it was stolen or around the time of the robbery, when the number had been changed to G276 WLM.

The driver of the decoy car, a red saloon, is described as being in his 50s with grey hair. The security van, on a regular 60-mile trip from Newcastle, was forced to stop in a line of traffic at about 7pm on Wednesday when the red car apparently stalled.

Transplant boy given court date

BY BILL FROST

THE parents of Rhys Daniels, the two-year-old boy whose life depends on a bone marrow transplant, were told yesterday that their High Court action against the health secretary would be heard on June 9.

Barry and Carmen Daniels are seeking to force Virginia Bottomley to reopen a special unit at Westminster Children's Hospital, London, where the vital operation was to have been carried out. The unit closed on April 1.

After a private hearing yesterday, a High Court official ruled that the case should be dealt with as soon as possible. Mr Daniels is taking judicial review proceedings against North West Thames Regional Health Authority in an attempt to compel Mrs Bottomley to reverse the closure.

Rhys is suffering from Batten's disease: he will die by the time he is seven if not treated.

On Wednesday, the family was told that Rhys could be treated on the NHS in Bristol. Dr Tony Oakhill, a consultant, said he would perform the operation at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

Rhys will be the first person in the world to be given such treatment for Batten's disease. His five-year-old sister Charly is also a sufferer.

ITV director promises fewer repeats

FROM ALEXANDRA FREAN IN MONTREUX

ITV pledged yesterday to show fewer repeats in its forthcoming autumn and winter schedules, as part of its strategy to fight off growing competition from cable and satellite television.

Marcus Plantin, ITV network director, criticised the BBC for showing too many reruns during peak viewing hours and said that increasingly sophisticated, younger television audiences were no longer prepared to accept it.

"When you move into a competitive world you cannot continue to do that," he said. "With so much choice around now, programmes have to be pretty exceptional to be repeated."

Mr Plantin made his comments at the Golden Rose television festival in Montreux, Switzerland, in which British programme-makers yesterday received a drubbing at the hands of continental and North American television companies.

He singled out for criticism the BBC's Tuesday evening schedule which, until recently, included repeats of the comedy shows *Alas Smith & Jones* and *Harry Enfield's Television Programme* shown back to back. Mr Plantin's remarks come at a time of growing difficulty for the BBC following a budget overspend last year of about £38 million and the critical failure of new dramas.

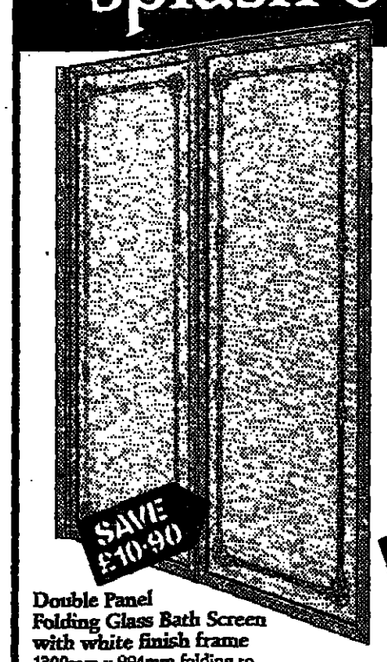
The corporation, which has historically scheduled up to 25 per cent of programmes as repeats, against 7 per cent on ITV, recently brought back a number of golden oldies, such as *Hawaii Five-O* and *Dallas*, to help to fill the schedule. Recent disappointments include *A Year In Provence* starring John Thaw, whose viewing figures fell from 14.5 million in February to 4.7 million by the end of April, and its new Friday night comedy *The Riff-Raff Element*, currently drawing audiences of 4.7 million.

"The BBC is having a spectacularly bad run," Mr Plantin said. In contrast, he said, *Sharpe*, ITV's new costume drama starring Sean Bean, attracted about 9 million viewers, equivalent to 45 per cent of the total television viewing audience on Wednesday night, while *Riders*, the two-part adaptation of Jilly Cooper's novel, attracted an estimated 10 million viewers on Sunday and Monday nights.

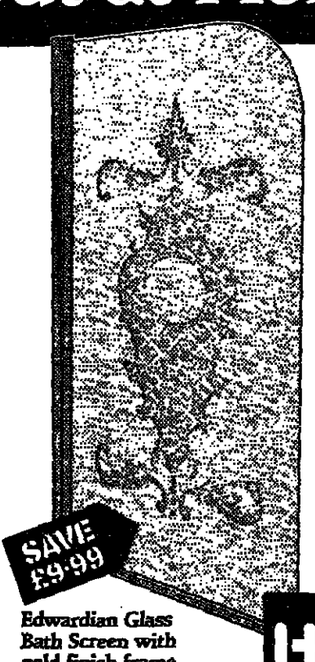
The comments are likely to touch a raw nerve at the BBC, which yesterday learnt that none of its six comedy entries at the Montreux festival were nominated for the top prize.



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MPs attack Spain's legal system

Britons held for two years await verdict

BY KATE ALDERSON AND EDWARD OWEN IN BARCELONA

THREE Britons, held in a Spanish jail for two years until their trial this week on charges of attempted murder, must wait until next week for the judge's verdict.

The decision came as human rights groups and Labour politicians called for a review of Spanish legal procedures and new figures showed that twice as many Britons were arrested or charged in Spain last year as in 1991.

The trial of Jamie Humphreys, 19, and two brothers, Alan Sell, 25, and Paul Sell, 23, in Barcelona on Wednesday afternoon lasted only a matter of hours and followed a campaign by human rights groups and Welsh politicians to end delays.

As disclosed in *The Times* last month, the trial had been postponed twice in the past six months after the alleged Turkish victim and a witness failed to attend court. Wayne David, Labour MEP for South Wales, who attended the hearing, campaigned against "the inexcusable delay". He said: "I am relieved it has taken place. It was presented in a fair and open way."

The men have denied the charge of attempting to murder Celik Bilet, 23, who was stabbed on May 31, 1991, on a Costa Brava beach. The Welshmen have pleaded a case of mistaken identity since their arrest. If convicted, they face sentences of six years.

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, who has campaigned for a fair trial for the Welshmen, described the Spanish legal system as "third rate". He said: "The Spaniards do not conform to European standards. The whole system is medieval. As an EC member state there must be some obligation to bring their justice system into the late 20th century."

This week, the Foreign Office disclosed that Spanish police arrested or charged 802 Britons last year, almost twice as many as in 1991. Yesterday, it confirmed that it was not uncommon for prisoners to wait up to two years without a trial, which was "one of the perils of going to Spain".

However, Douglas MacIntyre, the British consul-general for Spain, was at a loss to explain the dramatic increase and questioned the basis of the Foreign Offices figures. "In December 1992, there were 259 Britons held in Spanish jails, 80 per cent of whom were on drug-related charges. This figure has been constant for a decade."

The increase in arrests comes against a background of decreasing numbers of Britons visiting Spain, down to 6.1 million in 1991 from a high point in 1988 of 7.6 million, according to Spanish Embassy figures. The number of British residents had also decreased from 78,000 in 1990 to 50,000 in 1991.

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MICHAEL POWELL

At ease: Jessica Thomas of Christie's shows Michelangelo's *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, expected to fetch up to £4 million at auction

Rare Michelangelo draws £4m estimate

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART CORRESPONDENT

A Michelangelo drawing has appeared on the British art market after 157 years and is expected to fetch up to £4 million at Christie's in July.

The auctioneers say it is the most important drawing to appear at auction since a Raphael study from Chatsworth broke the world record for a drawing, selling for £3.5 million in 1984. Apart from the evident beauty of the work — "Holy Family with the Infant Baptist on the Rest on the Flight into Egypt" — the price will be influenced by a series of distinguished previous owners.

They include Michelangelo's descendants and Sir Thomas Lawrence, the English artist. The drawing has not been seen in public since shortly after Lawrence's death in 1830, when it was acquired by his principal creditor, Samuel Woodburn. He described it as a "noble composition" and is thought to have sold it for 250 guineas.

The identity of the buyer is not recorded, however, and Christie's refuses to say who is selling it today. The work does not appear in any of the principal books on the artist, and is therefore rated by experts as an exciting discovery.

Another attraction of the drawing is the unusual complexity of technique, which indicates how deeply the artist pondered this particular rendition of one of his favourite subjects.

Having begun by indenting the outlines of his figures with a stylus, Michelangelo then used soft grey-black chalk to draw the Holy Family, followed by red chalk to clarify the lines of John the Baptist's torso. He then added changes in pen and brown ink, followed by final touches in oiled black chalk.

As two-fifths of Michelangelo's surviving drawings are in British collections, such as Windsor Castle and the British Museum, the sale is not expected to bring about a heritage outcry.

One likely purchaser is the Getty Museum in California. The museum has a large budget and a fine collection of Old Master drawings.

Dinosaur picks up a sting in the tail

BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE Natural History Museum's most famous dinosaur, the 85ft-long Diplodocus, was constructed according to false scientific theory and is undergoing a tail-lift to correct its posture.

New research shows that Diplodocus would not have dragged its tail on the ground, but would have brandished it straight out behind, probably as a whiplash defence weapon.

The replica skeleton, affectionately known as Dippy by museum staff, will be given a new tail 10ft above the ground. The museum, one of the first in the world to convert its model, has recast each of the 73 vertebrae in fibreglass and designed a new steel superstructure to support the 43ft tail.

Dr Angela Milner, the museum's dinosaur expert, said that the original model, with a droopy tail, was built before scientists thought of the creatures in terms of biomechanics and engineering. "Diplodocus is actually built like a prehistoric cantilever bridge. They worked out their engineering a long time before we did — its long neck and long tail actually counterbalanced each other."

Knowledge of dinosaur appearance and behaviour is continuously being updated. In the 1970s, scientists began to revise theories of the animals' posture, realising that sauropod dinosaurs would have held their tail in the air. But such discovery takes a long time to filter through the scientific community to museums and exhibitions. Dr Milner said that illustrations in children's books would also have to be changed.

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Lord Taylor ignores act to increase jail sentence

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice overruled the sentencing provisions of the Criminal Justice Act yesterday when he increased a jail term on a motorcyclist who had run down and killed a policeman after he had been drinking.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, in the Court of Appeal, said it was "little short of absurd" for the trial judge not to take into account previous convictions for drink-driving when sentencing Andrew Hayton, 30, of Weedon, Northamptonshire. The court increased his sentence from three months to 18 and doubled a driving ban from four years to eight.

Sitting with Mr Justice Mantell and Mrs Justice Smith, Lord Taylor said Hayton had three previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol. Two of them involved careless driving, including one that caused the death of his wife. It had been suggested that those previous convictions should not be taken into account after the passing of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Lord Taylor said: "In our judgment, the circumstances of previous offences showed a determination (by Hayton) to continue driving with excess alcohol, despite his past experience. The trial judge should have taken due account of Hayton's previous history in deciding on sentence. Indeed, the public would regard it as little short of absurd if he was allowed to be sentenced without reference to the three previous convictions." A sentence of three months and a four-year ban was not merely lenient, but unduly so.

The comments by Lord Taylor, who has voiced strong disagreement with the 1991 act, will keep up pressure on Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, who has promised to review legislation that does not allow previous convictions to be taken into account for sentencing purposes.

Hayton was convicted at Peterborough Crown Court last year of killing Sergeant Simon Lilley by reckless driving in November 1991. He had been stopping traffic at a census point on the A5.

Hayton, who has already served the three months, faces re-arrest on a warrant from the appeal court. His case was referred to the court by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, on the grounds that the sentence was unduly lenient and did not contain any element of deterrence.

The court was told that Sgt Lilley, 30, died when the motorcyclist ran into him at 60mph without slowing down or trying to swerve. Hayton had drunk five pints of lager earlier in the day.

After the case, Supt Tony Knight, head of the Northamptonshire police traffic division, said the force was pleased with the decision, which vindicated concern at the leniency of the sentence. Sgt Lilley left a widow and two children. Lawyers for his family and the Police Federation were planning proceedings for damages.

MICHAEL POWELL



Fearful symmetry: Mira at London zoo yesterday. Keepers hope for a friendlier approach to its new partner

Hopes burn bright for tiger mating

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MIRA, a six-year-old tigress, flew into Britain from Germany yesterday for a computer-arranged marriage that could help to save one of the world's most endangered animals from extinction. Its intended mate is seven-year-old Martin, who was London zoo's only tiger.

Both belong to the rare Sumatran sub-species. There are estimated to be no more than 400 in the wild, scattered through five reserves on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. There may be 200 in zoos around the world.

For the next week Mira, which arrived in a wooden crate from Bremerhaven zoo, will be held in a separate den at Regent's Park for health checks. Afterwards, Douglas Richardson, who manages the zoo's animal collection, will gradually introduce the two tigers.

"When you are dealing with beasts with as many sharp bits on them as tigers, things can go awfully wrong," he said. "So until we are sure they are going to get on, we will be standing by with water hoses and fire extinguishers, which we have found are the best way of quietening angry tigers."

The animals will be separated at first by a wire-mesh partition, which will allow them to get used to each other's smell. Tigers show affection, Mr Richardson said, in much the same way as domestic cats, by rubbing heads together and making a snorting-snuffling noise known as "prusten", the equivalent of purring.

The chances of a successful mating are good. The male tiger, much like its human counterpart, is game for sex at almost any time. The female comes on heat for about a week every 45 to 50 days. By the autumn, London zoo hopes to have its first tiger cubs since the 1960s.

There are thought to be only some 5,000 tigers of all kinds in the wild. Three subspecies, the Caspian, the Javan and the Bali, became extinct this century. Habitat destruction and poaching for the oriental medicine trade are the main threats. Tiger penis soup is prized in China as an aphrodisiac.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Taxi spree costs rugby ace £2,000

The Welsh international rugby player Scott Gibbs was fined £2,160 yesterday for driving off in a taxi from a cab company's offices after a drinking session.

Gibbs, 23, of Pencoed, Mid Glamorgan, who is due to leave for New Zealand with the British Lions touring party, took the vehicle with two other players.

At Bridgend Magistrates' Court, he admitted taking a vehicle without consent, driving without insurance and drink-driving. He was banned for two years.

Crash award

Patricia Stegers, 66, a widow of Cooper's Green, East Sussex, whose back was broken in the 1989 Purley train crash, was awarded £45,000 damages against British Rail by the Court of Appeal.

'Bubbles' will

Viscountess Rothermere, known as "Bubbles", who died last year aged 63 from what the coroner described as an "incautious overdose" of prescribed drugs, left £3,837,000.

Eagle eyed

A golden eagle, a native of Scotland with a 6ft wing span, has been sighted over Charmouth, Dorset.

Leukaemia toll linked to medicine

BY JAMES LANDALE

ONE in five children suffering from leukaemia could be dying because they are failing to take their tablets, an article published tomorrow in the *British Medical Journal* suggests.

The report says that this may be why many patients, who have a good general outlook, relapse in later stages of the disease. Children suffering from acute lymphoblastic leukaemia can be treated successfully by taking the drug mercaptopurine. But research by the University of Sheffield medical school showed that six out of 22 children receiving treatment in their study were not taking full doses.

Dr John Lilleyman, who carried out the research, said: "If you have any treatment for a disease which drags on for years and you don't feel very ill, you might start forgetting that you have the disease." He said doctors had always assumed that if they prescribed a drug it was taken. "That is now a huge assumption that we obviously cannot take."

The report found that it could be dangerous for children to start taking the pills again. Dr Lilleyman said that the drug, which could kill healthy as well as cancerous cells, was like a selective weedkiller. "Giving too much of the drug when the patient is not used to it would be like putting ten times as much weedkiller on your lawn," he said.

Affluence is key to teenage abortions

BY JAMES LANDALE

PREGNANT teenagers are more likely to have an abortion if they come from affluent city suburbs than deprived areas, research has shown.

Two out of three teenage pregnancies ended in abortion in affluent areas, compared with one in four in deprived areas. The results, to be published in the *British Medical Journal* tomorrow, are from a survey of all pregnant teenagers admitted to hospitals in the Tayside area of Scotland between 1980 and 1990.

Trevor Smith, information officer for the Tayside Health Board, who carried out the research, said: "For those teenage girls who become pregnant in deprived areas, it is more acceptable to have the child. For those from a more affluent background, there is probably more pressure from parents and their general attitudes to terminate the pregnancy." The report also found that in deprived areas the rate of pregnancy in girls under 16 was three times higher, and in girls under 20 six times higher, than in the most affluent areas.

Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, recently suggested that schools should supply condoms free to pupils after research showed Britain had the worst teenage pregnancy record in Europe. More than 8,000 girls under 16 conceive each year.

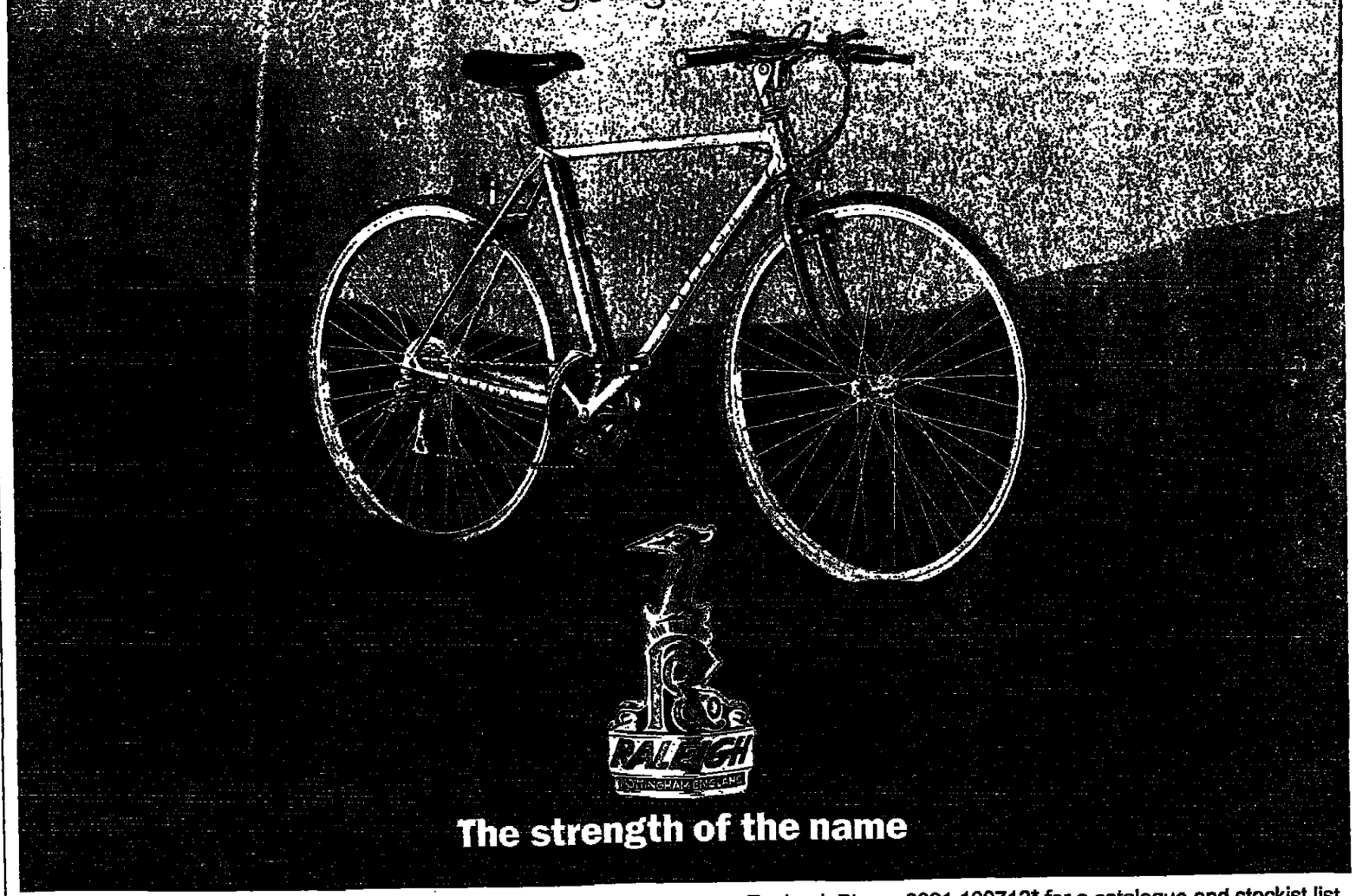
Karin Pappenheim, spokeswoman for the Family Planning Association, said the higher rate of abortions in affluent households could be because they had the money.

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Spring term of discontent: opposition to school assessments unites teachers, pupils and advisers

Heads strike blow against attempt to rescue tests

By Ben Preston
Education Reporter

HEAD teachers yesterday tried to quash an attempt by a Conservative council to salvage this summer's national curriculum tests by offering schools extra staff.

The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) advised members against bringing in supply or retired teachers to do the work of those boycotting the tests. The move is a blow for John Patten, the education secretary, who supported a plan by Wandsworth Council in south London to reduce teachers' workloads by drafting in outsiders to invigilate and mark the tests.

Mr Patten's determination to stand by this term's tests appears increasingly academic in the face of the most direct challenge to government policy since the poll tax. He is virtually powerless against the expected boycott of tests for children aged seven, eleven and fourteen by the three main classroom unions. Few schools are likely to escape disruption.

The unity of the teaching profession was underlined yesterday by a joint submission to the curriculum and testing review headed by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman-designate of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

The document, drafted by all six teaching unions and endorsed by five organisations representing the independent sector, called for testing which supports classroom teaching and described the curriculum as excessively prescriptive.

The NAHT, the largest association of head teachers, cast fresh doubt on the validity of the first national league table of primary schools, based on tests for seven-year-olds, which the government intends to produce. Many schools started the tests in February, before the boycott.

But the union said that even if only a few schools in each area did not mark the tests, the results could not be representative. The association said that head teachers should advise their governing bodies that there was little merit in forwarding results "if they are to feature subsequently in meaningless league tables".

Edward Lister, Wandsworth council leader, said that the offer of extra staff still stood and the council was confident that some testing would go ahead. "We will be looking closely at this advice. Head teachers, like the authority, have a statutory duty to see the tests take place," he said.

The council made the offer after it failed to outlaw the boycott by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers in the Court of Appeal last month. The main moderate union, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, has since joined the action, and the result of a ballot by the National Union of Teachers is expected next Thursday.

The resignation of John Marenbon, the Cambridge don responsible for the English tests for 14-year-olds which created the dispute, brought the controversy full circle this week.

He struck at the credibility of the most controversial tests by resigning as chairman of the English panel of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac).

The tortuous saga of producing English tests for 14-year-olds has been an unhappy one marked by resignations, sackings and confrontation.

The vehemence of English teachers' opposition to the tests at 14 took union leaders by surprise in the autumn. The teachers complained that the tests were too narrow, poorly prepared and likely to produce invalid results. As the protest swelled, grumbles turned to demands for a boycott.

Dr Marenbon, in his resignation letter, singled out for criticism the 90-minute test of one Shakespeare play — either *Julius Caesar*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *Romeo and Juliet* — and an anthology of about 30 poems and extracts from classic literature.

The test, which 600,000 pupils were scheduled to sit on June 9, was "inadequate and unfair" and must be postponed, he said.

Sample questions, recently sent to schools, require pupils to match quotations from a play to four photographs of recent theatrical productions and put them in the correct sequence. Two other papers test pupils' grammar, spelling, reading comprehension and creative skills.

The countdown to the crisis started in the summer of 1991. Kenneth Clarke, then education secretary, dismissed as "elaborate nonsense" tests developed after two years' work by the Consortium for Assessment and Testing in Schools and the East London and Macmillan Assessment Group.

Then Philip Halsey, the Seac chairman, was replaced by Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, a former head of the Downing Street policy unit. In turn, he called in the Northern Examining Board to devise an alternative but that, too, proved to be unsatisfactory.

The poisoned chalice was handed to the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate in September. It produced a more traditional anthology as part of the tests which triggered the dispute.

Perhaps Mr Patten realised the weakness of his position after the Association of Teachers and Lecturers voted overwhelmingly to join the boycott last Friday. It was left to Mr Clarke, the home secretary, to defend government policy in radio interviews, a tactic last seen after Black Wednesday last September, when Mr Clarke became the public face of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

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Nuts and bolts of education: 14-year-olds in a technology class at Stanground College, Peterborough, preparing for the curriculum tests

Trial of testing brings such sweet sorrow



Gazing toward school with heavy looks, a group of star-crossed Shakespeare students tell Libby Purves *that all they want now is an answer to the heartache of testing*

The 14-year-old child's standard expression at the moment is a puzzled frown. Either they are going to do the government tests in the week after half-term, or they are not.

Meanwhile, they continue resignedly to go through *Romeo and Juliet* with painstaking attention to detail, the only bright spot being the opportunity to render Mercutio's more risqué speeches into modern English.

The teachers' boycott, however, is the least of their concerns. "It's the tests themselves," said Chris Branch. "They're so complicated you can't make any sense of the marking system." One of a test group assembled to discuss their views on the seemingly unending dispute, he added: "We're not against having tests, but our own teachers could set them and use the results for something useful, like streaming, instead of for league tables.

"I wish someone from the government would come here to explain. The trouble with tests is, you can really work yourself up into a lather thinking about it, and if there's a muddle that isn't your fault, you still worry."

Jennifer Light said, scornfully: "The government said 14-year-olds were traumatised by all the fuss. That was funny, we're not traumatised. But you watch the news and it gets laughable — 'Yes we will do the tests, no we won't', or 'Yes we will, only we'll mark them differently and not let the government have them'. We don't know what's going to happen. I don't think the headmaster does."

Indeed he does not. Tony Leach, head teacher of Thomas Mills High School, a comprehensive at Framlingham, Suffolk, admitted that he has no formal information as to what his staff will do on June 3. His is not a difficult or rebellious school: it scored high in the league tables, has been welcoming to the national curriculum and recently attempted to opt out of local authority control (although a parents' vote blocked the move). In the 1980s teachers' strikes, the staff managed never to send any pupils home.

But this time, the widespread confusion over 14-year-olds' tests has affected even this conservative school. "I daresay they won't want to leave the children in limbo, so they'll administer the tests but perhaps not pass on the results," Mr Leach said.

This is the children's prediction, too. "Some teachers say they'll just use it as the ordinary year-end test," Penny Hallett said. Simon Cotton, one of the more annoyed in the group, added: "We've wasted an incredible amount of time talking about the government tick-boxes and levels and the marking system when we could have been learning real things."

At this, there is a clamour of agreement. Ever since standard assessment targets came to the classroom, the children have felt, in one boy's phrase, "stifled off learning". He went on: "It puts us off. There's other ways of doing *Romeo and Juliet*: we'd have liked to talk about it, write a poem about it, instead of going over and over the words."

Another said: "In CDT (craft, design and technology) we're making jewellers' clamps and high-protein cereal bars. That's interesting. But you can't do anything without writing it down first. And whenever you stop to ask the teacher something, you have to note down that you've stopped, because of counting the hours, and since everyone's doing the same thing you run out of tools."

"The worst bit," Jennifer said, "is that you're actually never thinking about what you're doing, but whether it fills the target. You're always making lists of what skills you've just learnt, so you miss out on learning."

Tak Chun Cheung, a gentle girl and the only one who still actually admits to enjoying *Romeo and Juliet*, said: "The levels, the boxes, the numbers — it's impossible, like a computer game when you haven't got the instruction book. You're never sure if you're doing all right or not. But the way the tests are organised, we have to understand it, as well as the teachers."

So do they feel, these beleaguered (but not traumatised) 14-year-olds, that the teachers' boycott is for their benefit? "Not really. No teachers ever ask us what we think they should do. The government doesn't ask our opinions. Nobody does."

Education personalities at the heart of class warfare

By Ben Preston
Education Reporter

THE highly publicised resignations of Lord Skidelsky and John Marenbon have reduced the ranks of the government's advisory body on testing and examinations to 13.

The School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) will be wound up in September, with the National Curriculum Council (NCC), and succeeded by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Lobbying is expected before names of the 15-strong SCAA emerge over the summer. They are to include at least one head and one classroom teacher. Those who have resigned are:

☐ **John Marenbon:** Director of studies in English, Trinity College, Cambridge. Married to Sheila Lawlor, of the Centre for Policy Studies, the right-wing think-tank that says the curriculum is too prescriptive. Appointed ten months ago by Mr Patten. Seeks shorter tests and more emphasis on pre-20th century literature. Advised English teachers to put "the tests out of their minds".

☐ **Lord Skidelsky:** Professor of political economy at Warwick University. Appointed less than a year ago by Mr Patten. Chairs the Social Market Foundation. Joined the Conservatives after the demise of the Social Democrats. A leading thinker of the educational right, in March he argued that the testing regime had gone astray. Advocate of the traditional approach in history-teaching; wants the curriculum revised to emphasise factual knowledge.

The remaining members of the Schools Examination and Assessment Council are:

☐ **Sir Ron Dearing:** Chairman of Seac and the NCC. Will head the new joint body. Former senior civil servant and chairman of the Post Office. Chaired several higher education quangos, handling the delicate task of merging the polytechnics with universities. Conducting the curriculum and assessment review on which the government's hopes of resolving the teachers' dispute are pinned.

☐ **Roy Atkinson:** Northamptonshire's director of education and libraries. Appointed to the council by John MacGregor, then education secretary, in August 1990. Formerly principal educational psychologist to Staffordshire and deputy education officer in Northampton.

☐ **John Barnes:** Lecturer in government and history, London School of Economics. The governor of a Kent comprehensive and former vice-chairman of the Tory-controlled county council was appointed by his friend Kenneth Clarke, then education secretary, in August 1991. Member of the Council for Academic Awards and the National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

☐ **Janet Cohen:** Corporate finance director of Charterhouse Bank. Worked at the Department of Trade and Industry for 13 years before joining merchant banking arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland in 1981. Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and associate fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge. Also a novelist. Appointed by Mr MacGregor in May 1990.

☐ **Philip Evans:** Headmaster of Bedford School, an independent school. Appointed by Mr Clarke in September 1991 to provide an input from the private sector. Former head of chemistry at St Paul's School and examiner of A-level chemistry. Member of task force helping the curriculum review under Sir Ron.

☐ **Arwel George:** Head teacher of Penweddig Comprehensive School, Aberystwyth, he was appointed by Mr Clarke in September 1991.

☐ **Janet Kowalski:** Head of primary school near Sunbury, Surrey. Appointed in August 1991 by Mr Clarke. Has held head and deputy headships in primary and nursery schools and taught in the Seychelles. Member of Sir Ron's curriculum review team.

☐ **John Marks:** Tutor in physics and the social aspects of science, Open University. Educational right-winger, appointed to the council by Mr MacGregor in August 1990. Questioned standards of GCSE examinations last summer after successive increases in pass rates. Has held teaching and research posts in Britain and Sweden. Director of the Educational Research Trust and secretary of the education study group at the Centre for Policy Studies. Member of the current curriculum review team.

☐ **Stephen Nepaulsingh:** Deputy head teacher at Heath Park High School, Wolverhampton. Secondary teacher for 30 years. Specialist in modern languages. Only remaining member of the original council in 1988. Known for experience of teaching in the inner cities.

☐ **Gillian Peele:** Senior tutor, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Has published on British and American politics. Appointed by Mr Clarke in May 1991.

☐ **Anthony Pelligrini:** Head teacher of Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School in Notting Hill, west London, since 1976. Has overseen the school's transition from grammar to comprehensive and was then a convert to grant-maintained status. Appointed in July by Mr Patten.

☐ **Kathleen Tattersall:** Chief executive of Northern Examinations and Assessment Board. Has taught in primary and secondary schools, and worked for examination boards for over 20 years. Member of council 1988-90; reappointed in July.

☐ **Philip Wood:** Top financial post at Reuter since 1990. Appointed by Mr Patten in September. Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants and member of Association of Corporate Treasurers. Formerly worked at Price Waterhouse.



Skidelsky: traditional approach on history



Marenbon: told teachers to ignore new tests

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Treaty equivalent to putting your head in the fire, claims former prime minister

Thatcher accuses government of being in cloud cuckoo land

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher yesterday delivered a blistering attack on the Maastricht treaty and accused the government of living in "cloud cuckoo land".

Launching the results of a telephone survey which indicated that over 90 per cent of those who rang opposed the Maastricht treaty, Lady Thatcher said the treaty was "equivalent to putting your head in the fire". She insisted that if the government had allowed a referendum it would have prevented many of the problems it had run into.

Timing her assault at Westminster to create maximum effect on the day when poor Tory showings were predicted in the county council elections, Lady Thatcher defended her decision to sign the Single European Act when she was prime minister. "The Single European Act had no new constitutional provisions [and] protected us — or should have protected us — but because the Commission did not act in the bona fide way which we, being British, would have expected them to do, we got our fingers burnt. When you get your fingers burnt, the most silly thing to to is to bring forward a bigger and worse act, which is equivalent to putting your head in the fire."

The Single European Act only extended majority voting for one purpose, to achieve a single market and to ensure that unanimous voting was needed on tax matters, employer/employee relationships and immigration. We thought, therefore, that the Commission would honour those unanimous provisions and anything under that heading that would have been brought forward under unanimous provision.

"Our trust was not well founded. They attempted to bring things forward under majority voting," she said.

Lady Thatcher also hit out at the inconsistencies in the way the treaty was being handled by Britain and other member states. At the Edinburgh summit there was no change in the treaty but heads of government claimed its effect had been altered due to Denmark. "Compare this to what happened in the House of Commons this week where there was a change in the treaty but ministers claimed it had no effect. That seems to be cloud cuckoo land." Referring to the second Danish referendum on Maastricht on May 18, she said the Danes were "lucky to have one."

The Maastricht telephone poll, launched by Lady Thatcher in February, attracted more than 90,000 calls in three months, according to the organisers. More than 93 per cent of the 55,000 people who recorded their full names and data voted "No" to the question: "Are you in favour of the Maastricht treaty?" However, Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of the sponsors, admitted that the poll results would not be repeated nationwide as it was likely to have attracted those opposed to the treaty.

Underlining the need for a referendum, Lady Thatcher said: "It is the people's rights which are being diminished. It is the people's rights which are being handed from democracy to bureaucracy." It was utterly wrong to say that government power came from the ballot box and then ignore such a big constitutional change.

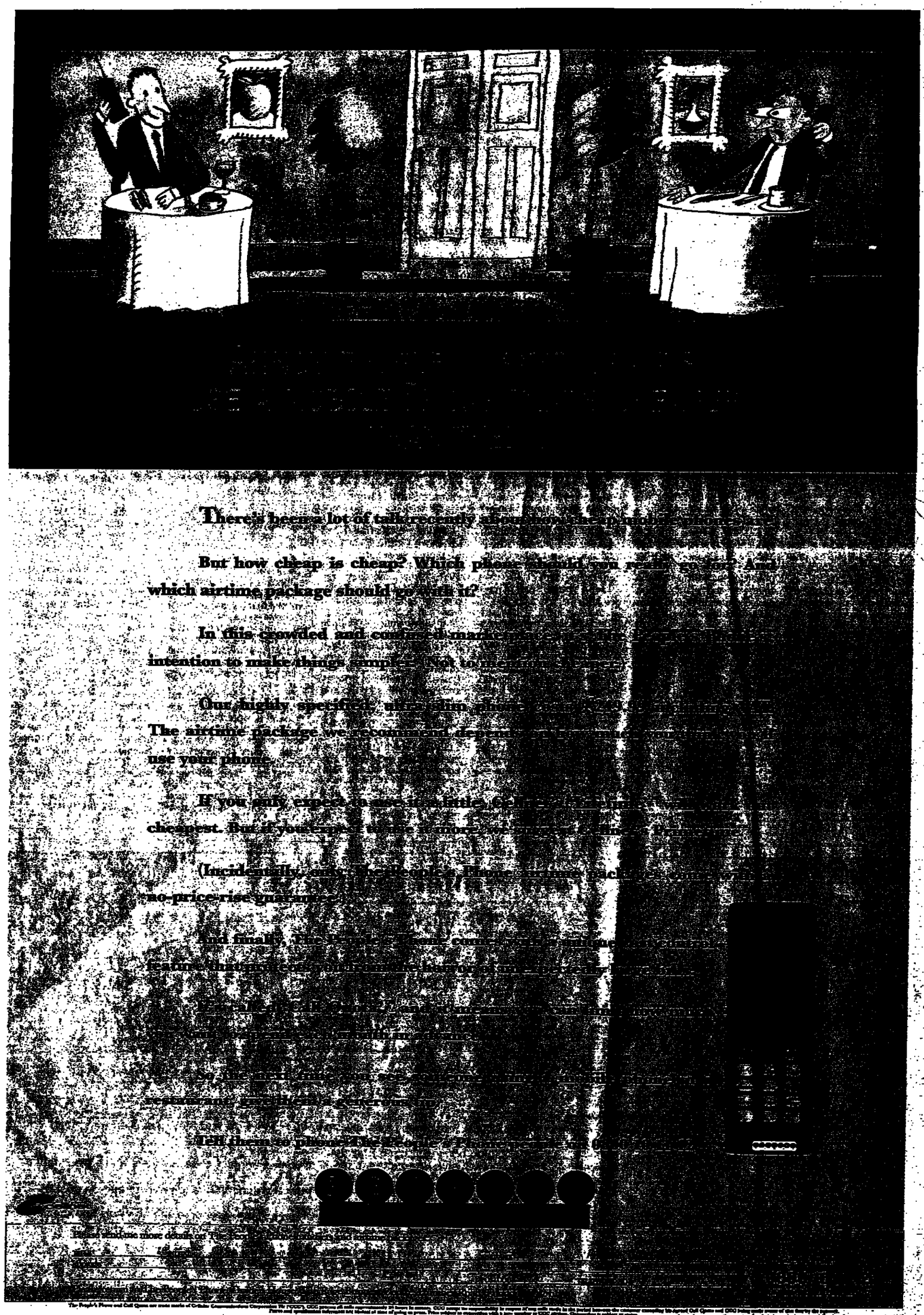
Dismissing the treaty as a "federal structure", Lady Thatcher said she had a more idealistic vision of Europe. "If you freely co-operate together it doesn't inhibit you from making your own decisions separately," she said. "May I say that when I was with President Bush and Saddam Hussein occupied Kuwait, it never occurred to me to consult the Community."

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CHRIS HARRIS



Fiery speech: Baroness Thatcher yesterday announcing the results of a survey on a Maastricht referendum



Ratification bill faces months of delay in courts

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL action over the Maastricht bill could delay ratification of the treaty for at least three months, lawyers said yesterday. If the legal stages are not rushed through the courts the process could take a lot longer.

If the Danes vote "yes" in their referendum on May 18, the bill is expected to get its third reading in the Commons on May 24 and 25, before going to the Lords, after the Whitsun break, on June 7.

The Euro-rebels, who are disputing the government's ability to ratify a treaty which is inconsistent with a domestic bill, are still undecided about when they will seek leave for a judicial review. Although it could be in their interests to leave it until after the bill gets Royal Assent, the rebels may decide to start legal action while the bill is still being debated in the Lords.

The bill could go through all its readings in the Lords and receive Royal Assent before the summer recess towards the end of July if there are no amendments in the upper House. One big parliamentary hurdle will remain even then. In its efforts to avoid Commons defeats during the committee stage, the government agreed to amendments providing for a further debate and vote on the social chapter after Royal Assent.

While it is confident of winning the day, because the motion it chooses will be one that even the Euro-sceptics cannot fail to stomach, failure do so would leave the government in crisis. The courtroom battle will then commence, if it is not already under way. Ministers said yesterday that they were unlikely to go on to ratify the treaty until the legal action has been completed.

The rebels are expected to apply for leave for judicial review in July. It could take two to three weeks to get a hearing in a divisional court, even if proceedings are expedited. If either party was unhappy about the judgment the case would be forwarded automatically to the Court of Appeal, which could take a further three to four weeks, to mid-September.

If its decision was disputed, the appeal court could give leave of appeal to the House of Lords. If it did not consider this necessary, the Lords can be petitioned by the loser at the appeal court, a move which could delay the process until mid-October. While the final Lords judgment would only take a few days, at any stage in the legal proceedings decisions may be referred to the European Court of Justice. Lawyers said yesterday that this could only occur if there was a point of Community law at issue. After any European ruling, the case would return to the British courts at the point where it had been referred.

After a final judgment, the government would have to decide if it could go ahead with ratifying the treaty. If the courts at any stage uphold the rebels' case the government may have to introduce a second bill which brings domestic legislation in line with the treaty, which could further delay ratification.

Separate legal action is being prepared by trade unionists who are seeking to gain social chapter rights for British workers.

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT



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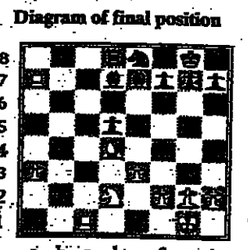
Today I continue with my occasional series on all the games played in formal tournaments between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short. This is as a curtain-raiser to The Times World Chess Championship between the two which starts on September 7th. The following game, which I do not think has ever before been published in the UK, was from the Swift World 5-minute championship five years ago. Short was cut to ribbons by the champion's bishops.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Brussels 5-minute tournament 1987

Bogo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	Bb4+
4	Nbd2	d5
5	e3	0-0
6	a3	Be7
7	Bd3	b6
8	0-0	Bb7
9	b4	c5
10	bxc5	bxc5
11	Rb1	Qc7
12	cxd5	exd5
13	dxc5	Nbd7
14	Bb2	Nxc5
15	Qc2	Rac8
16	Bf5	Ne6
17	Qxc7	Rxc7
18	Be5	Rd7
19	Nd4	Nxd4
20	Bxd4	Bc8
21	Bxd7	Bxd7
22	Rb7	Rd8
23	Rxa7	Ne8
24	Rc1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Two important items of news: At 6 pm this evening at York House, Twickenham chess enthusiasts are invited by the mayor Councillor Anne Summers to attend the launch of the £15,000 Richmond Chess Initiative to encourage children to play chess. Meanwhile, in Lucerne today, FIDE, the World Chess Federation will open the bids for their own world title contest between Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman.

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Charities urge Tory MPs to rebel over cost of VAT on fuel

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHARITIES are appealing to Tory MPs to support a move to exempt them from the new VAT on fuel, because of the added costs of running homes for the sick and elderly.

Labour has singled out the impact on charities of the extension of VAT as the main target of its assault on Norman Lamont's Budget proposals next week. Supported by the Charities Tax Reform Group, Labour will appeal to MPs on Monday to exempt charities from the Chancellor's plans to impose VAT at 8 per cent next year and 17.5 per cent in 1995. Charities such as the Spastics Society, estimate that VAT will eventually cost them £25 million a year.

Harriet Harman, the shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, said Labour had insisted that the first day of debate on the finance bill in the Commons on Monday should be devoted to the VAT issue. Labour has tabled an amendment to preserve zero-rating for domestic fuel in properties with a charitable use. She pointed out that it would take a rebellion by only 11 Conservative MPs to push through an exemption for charities from the extension of VAT.

"The VAT proposal means that next year the first £10 million donated to charities by the generous British public will be immediately robbed by the Tories in tax. It is a bitter irony that charities such as Help the Aged and the Macmillan Cancer Relief, which have to help those hammered by the Tory VAT on gas and electricity, will themselves be affected."

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, is expected to tell MPs that Labour's amendment would cause confusion. A Treasury spokesman said the government had a long record of giving tax relief to charities rather than bringing in exemptions.

Help the Aged argued that the VAT would be anomalous. It would put up the costs for charities which are expected, under government policy, to take over many community care services from local authorities, which are exempt from VAT.

Three days have been devoted next week to debating amendments to the Budget proposals in the Commons chamber. A committee of 36 MPs will then carry out the rest of the committee stage scrutiny.

On Tuesday MPs will focus on the dispute among oil companies over plans to change their tax regime. In March Norman Lamont announced the abolition of tax relief for exploratory drilling work. In exchange he wants to reduce petroleum revenue tax from 75 to 50 per cent. Oil companies say the shift would halve the amount of exploration activity and threaten up to 40,000 jobs in the industry.

John Butterfill, Conservative MP for Bournemouth West, has tabled amendments for more modest changes. Ministers have indicated that they are willing to look at transitional relief for oil companies. Wednesday's debate will cover the Budget changes on tax allowances.



Rite of abode: Labour yesterday highlighted the plight of domestic workers from overseas employed in the UK and often subjected to abuse and slave-like conditions. Graham Allen, the party's spokesman on asylum and immigration, has written to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, calling for changes to the law to protect vulnerable foreigners.

Mr Allen drew attention to a recent report — *Britain's Secret Slaves* — published by Anti-Slavery International and Kalayaan, a Filipino group dedicated to aiding overseas workers, which surveyed 250 employers. It found that three in four employers confiscated employees' passports, two in three did not feed them enough, and many did not allow enough sleep or provide a proper place to sleep, withheld wages, demanded long working hours and physically abused them.

Mr Allen said many employees realised that if they left their jobs for another then they faced deportation, and this was held over them by abusive bosses. He urged Mr Clarke to consider the report's recommendations which include changing the law.

Disabled call on MPs to back bill

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

DISABLED people and carers converged on Westminster yesterday to protest at government opposition to anti-discriminatory legislation as Labour MPs prepared to make a last-ditch attempt to pilot a bill ensuring equal opportunities for Britain's 6.5 million disabled people through the Commons today.

The civil rights (disabled persons) bill, sponsored by Alfred Morris, the former Labour minister for the disabled, failed to get a second reading in the Commons in February after it was blocked by government whips, to the fury of the opposite benches. The legislation looks likely to face a similar fate today.

The bill has already cleared its Lords stages and has cross-party support. The government has refused to give its support to the legislation, which would ban discrimination against the disabled in employment, housing, education, transport and other services. Nicholas Scott, minister for the disabled, has described it as so wide-ranging that it would be a beanfeast for lawyers and has warned that it would incur huge costs for the government and businesses.

Mr Morris, who unsuccessfully piloted an almost identical bill in 1991, said that, whatever happened today, the bill would eventually achieve its purpose.

Recovery 'not linked' to pull-out from ERM

BY ROBERT MORGAN
POLITICAL STAFF

THE Chancellor and other Treasury ministers were at pains yesterday to deny any link between economic recovery and Britain's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism.

During Commons questions, Norman Lamont and his colleagues said it was now clear that the recovery had started before Britain left the ERM last September. He turned aside complaints that the pound was now too high, saying that when it fell it was called floating, but when it rose it was somehow the government's fault.

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, said that with the country facing "a horrendous" deficit, the need was for competitiveness. "Why not put Group 4 in charge of the pound?" he asked to laughter. Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, said devaluation had never been the way out of problems for this country.

The chances of a cut in interest rates in the immediate future also appeared to have been ruled out, not least in the interests of savers. Mr Lamont told MPs that eight out of nine letters received by the Treasury in the past month favoured higher rates. The ratio had been 50-50 four weeks ago.

Jon Butcher, Tory MP for Coventry South West and a former trade and industry minister, said that there would be a dramatic effect on the country's competitive position if the government abolished capital taxation making the country a haven for capital from around the world.

Sir John Cope, the paymaster general, indicated that the government would stick with the taxation policies it had "for the time being".

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said a survey showed an increasing number of Tory MPs wanted VAT extended to newspapers and childrens clothes. He challenged the government to say that it would not raise VAT or extend its scope. Mr Portillo told him a further extension "is not in our mind".



Lamont: defended the level of the pound

Minister refuses to give navy cuts pledge

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ROBERT MORGAN

THE government yesterday refused to give a firm commitment that cuts in the size of the Royal Navy will not go beyond levels outlined in the *Options For Change* proposals on the future of the armed forces.

Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, told MPs in a debate on the navy that such an assurance would be "too sweeping to give". He was responding to an intervention from Winston Churchill, the Tory MP for Davyhulme, one of several Tories expressing unease at the government's plans to reduce levels of navy manpower and equipment. Mr Aitken told MPs that they would have to wait until July, when the government publishes its defence estimates white paper, for the definitive figures.

Mr Aitken denied suggestions from some MPs that the proposed reduction in the naval manpower levels was "Treasury driven." Efforts to minimise the number of compulsory redundancies were being hampered by a reduction in the number of people applying to leave the navy during the recession, he said.

Mr Aitken also told MPs that the decision on which naval dockyard would be awarded the Trident nuclear submarine refitting contract would be announced "within the next few weeks". There has been intense competition for the work between Rosyth, in Fife, and Devonport, in Plymouth. George Foulkes, for Labour, urged the government to keep both open.

Bank official joins Labour

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTTISH high flier from the Bank of England is to join Labour in one of its top positions as director of policy.

Roland Wales, 33, who is personal assistant to Mervyn King, the bank's economic director, succeeds Geoff Bish, who is retiring. His appointment was last night seen as a signal of John Smith's intention to concentrate on economic policy, which may have lost Labour the last election.

Other top posts to be announced next week include Sally Morgan as director of campaigns and elections. Peter Coleman, regional organiser for the East Midlands, becomes director of organisation and development, and David Hill, the director of campaigns and communications, is tipped to be given an enhanced role as chief spokesman for the party and the leader.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

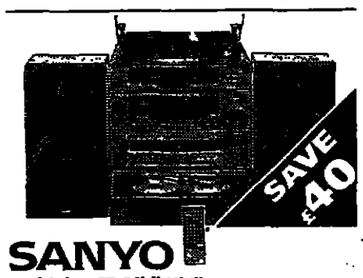
Today: Commons (9.30): Private members' bills.
The main business in the Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday, Tuesday and **Wednesday:** Finance bill, committee.
Thursday: Non-domestic rating (No 2) bill, remaining stages: Reinsurance (acts of terrorism) bill, all stages.
Friday: Private members' bills.
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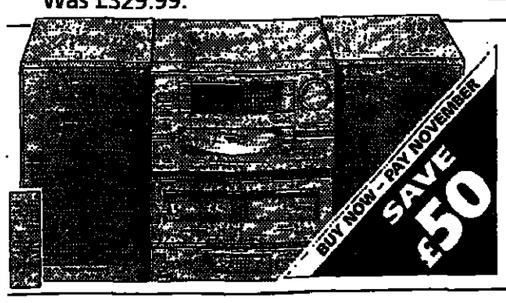


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Chinese face US trade sanctions over missile deal

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Bill Clinton made an election pledge to punish Peking for human rights abuses. As president, he is under pressure to deliver

CHINA may face stiff American trade sanctions from next month, after leaked classified intelligence reports showed that Peking has been shipping sensitive M11 missile parts to Pakistan in what is regarded as a violation of a non-proliferation agreement.

The allegations are a further stumbling block for the Chinese as they seek the renewal of their most favoured nation status, an annual procedure granting special trade privileges to selected countries. This year's deadline is June 4. Congressional leaders, citing human rights abuses and arms proliferation, have mounted a bipartisan initiative to prevent a renewal of unconditional trading status for Peking.

The timing of these latest allegations is considered to be particularly sensitive, and will increase the chances of trade restrictions. Congress has been passing legislation for condition trading status since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, but the bills were vetoed by President Bush.

President Clinton is under pressure to stick to his tough rhetoric of the election campaign, during which he frequently criticised his predecessor's China policy. In an effort to reach a compromise, the administration is sending Winston Lord, an assistant Secretary of State and a former ambassador to China, to visit Peking on Monday to persuade the Communist regime to make significant moves to allay US concerns.

On his visit to Washington this week, Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, argued against withdrawal of most favoured nation (MFN) status for Peking as it would hit the colony's economy. However, such considerations will not sway George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, and Nancy Pelosi, a Republican congresswoman, the authors of the conditionality bill, who argued last month that "three years of conditional MFN have not led to any substantial improvement in the human rights, trade and nuclear proliferation practices of the Chinese government".

The classified reports, which were compiled over the past four months, contain satellite photographs which appear to show that China exported parts to allow Pakistan assemble a version of the surface-to-surface M11 missile, which has a range of 300 miles and is capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

There appears to be a degree of uncertainty within the American administration over whether these sales amount to a legally recognised violation of the missile technology control regime. The subject of M11 missile technology export sales was among the objections raised by Mr Mitchell and Ms Pelosi.

Irrespective of the legality of such arms dealing, the reports heighten concern in America about Chinese shotgun sales. China is one of the leading exporters of guns to the United States. Chinese weapons are cheaper than comparable American-made guns or those from Europe, and have been used in a number of highly publicised murder cases. This has led to calls for the ban of such weapons.

The threat to attach conditionality to China's MFN status also stems from Washington's growing trade deficit with Peking, which may rise this year to an estimated $26 billion (£16.6 billion).

Sri Lanka widow 'to enter politics'

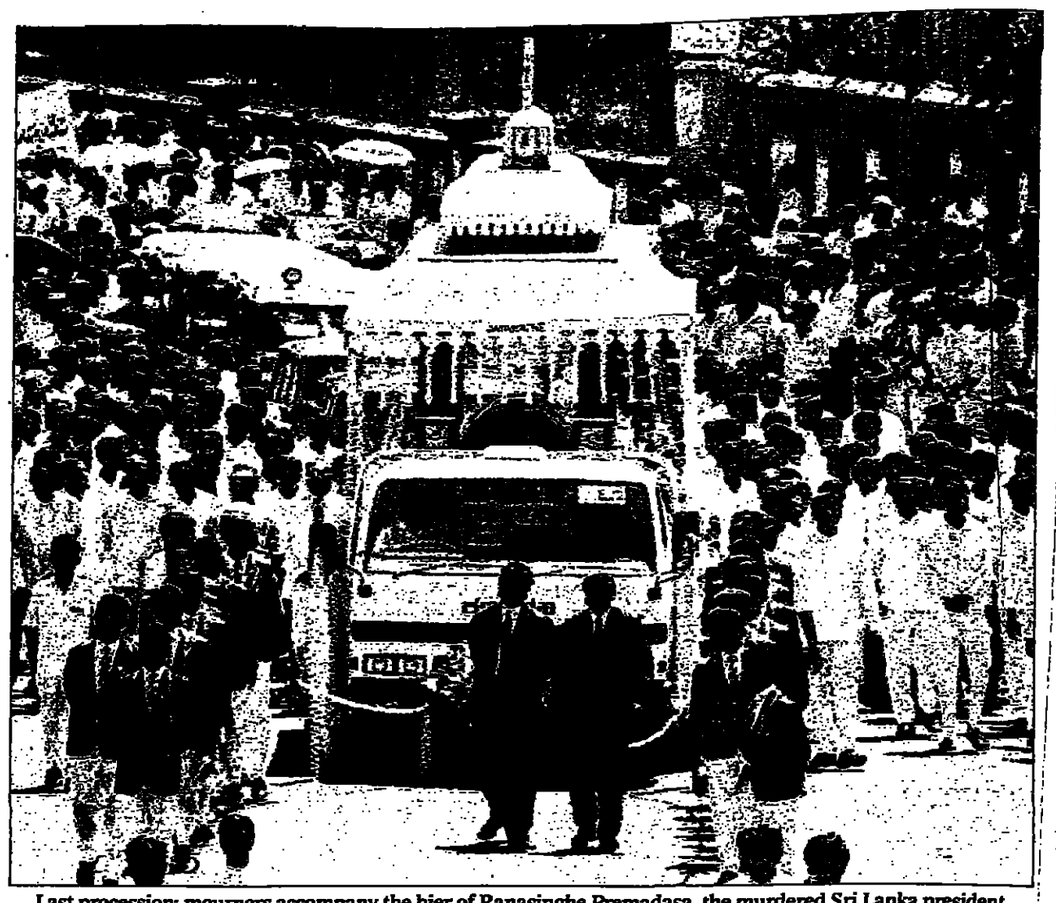
FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

RANASINGHE Premadasa, the murdered Sri Lankan president, was cremated last night, the second time in little more than a week that the nation has mourned an assassinated politician.

To the astonishment of onlookers, Hema Premadasa, his widow, delivered a 15-minute speech that amounted to a declaration of her intention to enter politics. "I will continue what my husband has done," she said, wiping away tears with a handkerchief, her voice breaking.

The crowd was never bigger than 20,000, compared with 500,000 for the funeral last week of Lalith Athulathmudali, the murdered former security minister who became Premadasa's rival. That can be explained partly by an announcement on state-run television and radio that a curfew would be imposed from 8pm, making it impossible for people to get home in time after the early evening cremation.

The low turnout also reflected mixed feelings towards the president among the poor, from whom he sprung and for whom he worked assiduously. His record on human rights, although clean in the past two years, was one of the worst in South Asia. But his economic reforms and anti-poverty programmes were admired internationally.



Last procession: mourners accompany the bier of Ranasinghe Premadasa, the murdered Sri Lanka president, to his cremation in Colombo yesterday. The turnout was comparatively low, partly because of a curfew

The coffin was taken from President's House, an imposing colonial mansion, and carried to the funeral pyre beneath a gold-coloured canopy. Marchers carried banners recalling a comment he made the day before he was killed by a suicide bomber: "Assassinate me by whatever means, but please do not assassinate my character." Police lined the procession route to Independence Square where the cremation took place at the edge of a football field.

The curfew, in force until 5am today, was intended to prevent a repeat of the violence after Athulathmudali's funeral. The government has accused the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam of killing the president, and Tamils left the city earlier this week for fear of being attacked by Sinhalas

Peking derides Patten's US trip

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY EAST ASIA EDITOR

CHINA has ridiculed the meeting that Chris Patten, Hong Kong's governor, held with President Clinton on Monday. But Peking cannot make up its mind whether or not Mr Clinton supported Mr Patten's plan for wider democracy in the colony.

According to *Wen Wei Po*, a Hong Kong newspaper that expresses China's views, Mr Patten "travelled a very long distance to visit the United States, but made very little progress". The newspaper described the governor as "wildly arrogant, conceited, opinionated, and unbridled".

The Peking commentator noted that Mr Patten had two aims: to persuade America to extend China's most favoured nation trading status, because limiting American customs duties on Chinese goods benefits Hong Kong; and to solicit support for his constitutional proposals. Noting that Mr Clinton refused to commit himself on the status issue, which he described as "a very complicated question", *Wen Wei Po* said that Mr Patten has less influence on America than the chief executive officer of the Boeing company which builds planes for China.

Mr Clinton's concern is "US-China global strategic relations", the newspaper noted, and "China's vast market". What it did not say is that the White House and the State Department have made clear that while China will continue to enjoy most favoured nation status for another year, the status may be curtailed in 1994 if its record on human rights, arms proliferation and free trade does not improve.

Wen Wei Po said Mr Clinton avoided "giving the impression that the US administration is siding with Patten" over Hong Kong democracy. But on another page the paper said Mr Clinton "expressed his support for Chris Patten's constitutional reform package". *Wen Wei Po* condemned this as a vain attempt "to play the international card", which is Peking's usual term for the "international conspiracy" to destroy Chinese socialism.

Khmer Rouge shuns peace

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

A LAST-DITCH attempt to bring the Khmer Rouge back into Cambodia's peace-making process before elections in two weeks failed yesterday when the communist faction's representatives did not turn up at a meeting in Peking aimed at reconciliation.

Yasushi Akashi, head of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, said of the Khmer Rouge absence: "It is not a very happy omen."

Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, was invited by Prince Sihanouk to the meeting, and said that he would come on condition that his personal safety could be guaranteed, and that the meeting was held in a neutral atmosphere. When he did not show up, the three participating factions and Professor Akashi expressed regret.



Prince Sihanouk in Peking yesterday

The Khmer Rouge has refused to take part in the elections, from May 23 to 27, and has launched repeated attacks on United Nations personnel.

Son Sann, the leader of a nationalist faction contesting the elections, proposed early yesterday that the polls be postponed because of Khmer Rouge disruption. But Professor Akashi said last night: "Cancellation of the elections is not in our plans."

Li Peng 'recovering'

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

LI PENG, the Chinese prime minister, is recovering from his illness, a government spokesman said yesterday, disclosing for the first time that Zhu Rongji, a deputy prime minister, is in day-to-day control of state affairs as executive deputy prime minister of the state council, China's cabinet.

Mr Li, 65, was officially said to have been in hospital with a bad cold. It was not clear whether he has been discharged. His illness became public on April 26 when he missed a meeting with President Ramos of the Philippines. The prime minister then postponed a five-nation tour through Central Asia.

Mr Zhu, also 65, has been a deputy prime minister since 1991. An economic specialist, he was listed as the first of the four deputy prime ministers after this year's session of the National People's Congress, China's parliament. He is a key ally of Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman, and it is widely assumed Mr Zhu determines economic strategy, particularly China's shift towards free markets. This was the first time China has spelt out Mr Zhu's exact standing in the hierarchy.

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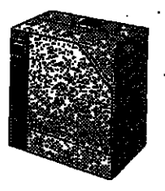
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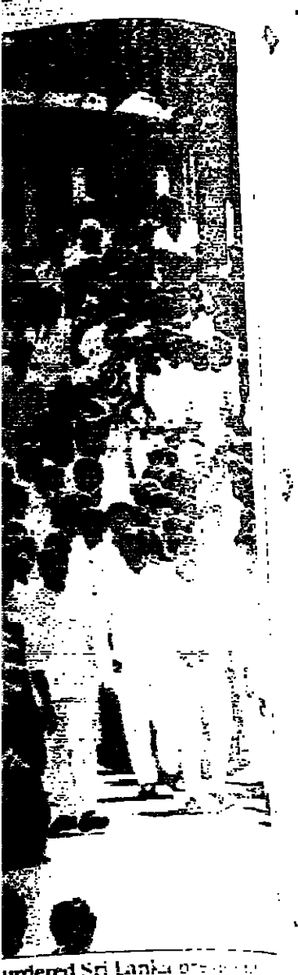
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Ciampi gives pledge on first-past-post electoral reforms

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

The new Italian leader faces his first confidence vote today as he tries to sell his political clean-up programme

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, said yesterday that introducing a first-past-the-post electoral system in both houses of parliament would be his "absolute priority".

He told the chamber of deputies that the government would encourage legislation to be passed before the summer break to substitute winner-takes-all principles for the existing proportional representation rules that are blamed for having produced fractured parliaments and weak governments for more than four decades.

The prime minister recalled that in the nationwide referendum on April 18 Italians had voted overwhelmingly to end PR in the senate in favour of a 75 per cent first-past-the-post system. He said it was unthinkable that the chamber of deputies would not follow suit.

"The electoral question is the absolute priority. In the current constitutional system, it is inconceivable that the two chambers be elected with diametrically opposed systems," the prime minister said. Signor Ciampi, 72, did not pronounce in favour of the relative merits of a single-round British-style voting system versus those of a French-model two-round vote. The chamber of deputies is divided on which mechanism would better suit Italy.

Signor Ciampi faces a confidence vote in the chamber of deputies today. He is expected to win, thanks to promises of neutrality from the former communist Democratic Party of the Left and the devolutionist Lombardy League. Some members of the Socialist party, led by Giuseppe La Ganga, the Socialist whip, objected when Signor Ciampi indicated that the government was an interim administration and said they would abstain in the confidence vote. Marco Pannella, the mercurial Radical party leader, stormed out of the chamber during the prime minister's speech.

Signor Ciampi, a former central bank governor, struck a professorial tone and recalled that he was the first Italian prime minister who was not a parliamentarian. "It is the first time in the experience of the republican constitution that a simple citizen without an electoral mandate speaks in front of you as prime minister."

He said it was essential to meet harsh budget reduction targets set for Italy to qualify for the second tranche of an eight billion ecu (£6.5 billion) European Community loan. "We would lose not only the second tranche of the loan but our already damaged credibility would suffer."

The prime minister promised to continue the privatisation started by Giuliano Amato, his predecessor. He said he hoped his administration would help Italy turn the corner on the corruption scandal convulsing the country by making civil servants comply with a new code of conduct. The fight against organised crime and promotion of family values would also form the main planks of the government programme, he said.

In Naples, two brothers of Paolo Cirino Pomicino, the former Christian Democrat budget minister, were arrested yesterday on charges of suspected collusion with the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Mafia. The former minister is already under investigation. Antonio and Lucio Pomicino are suspected of receiving bribes from contracts to modernise the sewage system.



Heads will roll: Huberto von der Goltz, an artist from Berlin, studying Nina Levy's sculpture, *Merchandise Mart Heads*, at the Art 1993 exhibition in Chicago, where 86 galleries from 11 countries are showing works along the shore of Lake Michigan

Yeltsin to purge all opponents of change

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday promised to purge officials opposed to reform and called for parliamentary elections before the end of the year. He said he would soon put forward a bill ordering fresh elections, although this is certain to be rejected by the conservative-dominated parliament.

However, in a bid for bureaucratic support, the Russian president ordered pay rises of up to 40 per cent for state officials — excluding parliamentary employees — and decreed that those whose jobs were abolished in restructuring would be retrained on full pay.

He will instruct the prime minister and local administrative chiefs to review the work of their officials. "Those who do not share our aims should simply leave so as not to interfere with our work", the president said. In recent days, however, the appointment of conservatives to two leading ministries, one of them with general powers over the economy, has caused concern that Mr Yeltsin may be prepared to sacrifice reforms for political compromise with Russia's industrial establishment.

The president criticised the conservative opposition for allegedly planning the riot in Moscow on May Day in which a policeman was killed and more than 500 people were injured. Vasili Shakhnovsky, Moscow's chief administrator, said yesterday that there might be fresh violence on Sunday, the anniversary of Soviet victory in the second world war. He said the organisers of a hardline opposition protest were drawing up "lists of who should bring what to the demonstration, including Molotov cocktails", and issued a warning about the possibility of a terrorism campaign.

Danish treaty campaign succumbs to Arctic chill

BY CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DANISH opposition to the Maastricht treaty on European integration has risen but the "yes" side still has a wide lead ahead of a new referendum on May 18, according to two opinion polls yesterday.

A Gallup poll in the conservative daily *Berlingske Tidende* showed 48 per cent planned to vote "yes" and 33 per cent "no" — the narrowest "yes" lead in Gallup polls this year. The other 19 per cent were undecided or planning not to vote.

A Greens Institute poll in the *Boersen* financial newspaper had the "yes" vote at 53 per cent — unchanged from its last two monthly polls — while the "no" vote was marginally up, from 33 per cent to 34. Thirteen per cent were undecided.

An unsuspecting visitor to the Danish capital could be excused for failing to realise that the country is in the throes of a campaign over perhaps the most important vote in its postwar history.

Posters for the referendum are little in evidence and Danes seem to be going about their daily chores as if nothing out of the ordinary were happening. A sudden Arctic chill has put a stop to open-air campaigning.

If there is a mood at all, it is of resignation. "It is very much a question of the heart versus the head," one Copenhagen resident said. "My heart dreams of Nordic union and wants to vote 'no' to Europe, my head tells me that a 'yes' would be the safest bet for Denmark."

The political mood is also low-key because Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the prime minister, is in Washington to meet President Clinton in his capacity of EC president.

Danes have been through it all before — in the run-up to their first referendum on Maastricht last June — and seem to be tiring of the topic and longing for a return to normality. Then they rejected the treaty by a margin of 50.7 per cent to 49.3 per cent, triggering turmoil in the Community. Since then, Denmark has won exemptions from key treaty aims such as a common currency and a joint defence policy.

Despite the absence of novelty in the campaign, there is a brittle edge to the debate. Doubts about the legal definition of Denmark's opt-out deal resurfaced again this week — sparked by a letter from a British legal adviser to the European Commission, then quashed by Brussels. But similarly contentious remarks in yesterday's European edition of *The Wall Street Journal* by Martin Bangemann, vice-president of the Commission, to the effect that Maastricht inevitably meant closer European union, have failed to excite Danes.

"A 'no' will free Europe from a bad treaty," Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, said in a speech published by the anti-Maastricht June Movement in a full-page newspaper advertisement.

Perhaps the most articulate "no" campaigner, however, is Professor Niels Meyer, the leading ideologue of the June Movement. "After a 'no' on May 18, the Maastricht treaty will fall, while the Treaty of Rome will stand with Denmark continuing to adhere to it along with the single European market," he said.

In an editorial, *Borsen* said that to swing current polls to a "'no" would require that EC opponents conjure "an enormous rabbit from their hat".

Opponents of the treaty say that if the Danes do produce another "no", it will sink Maastricht for all 12 EC states and force negotiations on a more widely acceptable form of co-operation across the Community.

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Corruption topples Bonn minister

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GÜNTHER Krause, the German transport minister engulfed by scandal, resigned yesterday. The Christian Democrat minister had survived a series of minor corruption affairs but finally bowed to huge pressure from his party, including a dressing down yesterday from Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, after using ministry funds to pay his expenses for moving house.

In a short resignation note, Herr Krause, from the eastern state of Mecklenburg, said his ministry officials had assured him that this was acceptable practice. In fact, it violates strict guidelines on ministerial behaviour. Party colleagues pointed out that such scandals were becoming more frequent, especially among politicians from the eastern states because they were unaware of the western restrictions or were poorly advised.

Nonetheless, Herr Krause had become a liability for Herr Kohl as he prepares for the election next year. Herr Krause had offered to resign earlier this year when it was discovered he was using state funds to pay for a private housekeeper, but then his offer was turned down.

Several ministers have fallen from grace. Jürgen Möllemann resigned as economics minister in January after he used government notepaper to support his wife's cousin's firm. Last year Gerhard Stoltenberg quit as defence minister over arms shipments to Turkey.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Spymaster Wolf free to travel

Düsseldorf: A court has lifted strict limits on the freedom of movement of Markus Wolf, 70, the former East German spymaster who returned from Soviet exile in 1991 to face Cold War espionage charges.

He is now released from restriction to his Berlin home and can move about Germany without reporting twice a week to the police, except during a short summer adjournment of the trial. *(Reuter)*

Aids vaccine test

Washington: The US health and human services department said it was starting tests of experimental Aids vaccines on 36 pregnant women who are HIV-positive. *(Reuter)*

Kashmir strike

Srinagar: Kashmiris went on strike in support of rebellious local police officers as violence claimed 11 more lives, including five suspected militants who were shot in a battle with security forces. *(AFP)*

Tiger attack

Moscow: A policeman walking along a Siberian forest path in the Lazo district was killed when a tiger jumped out from a bush and attacked him. A hunter, Viktor Cherepok, shot the animal. *(AP)*

Captive escapes

Manila: Bernardo Blanco, 65, a Spanish Roman Catholic priest working in the Philippines, escaped from his Muslim captors in Basilan province after 48 days and was flown here to the cheers of colleagues. *(AFP)*

Leader opposed

Djibouti: President Hassan Gouled Aptidon, in power since France handed over Djibouti in 1977, will contest the country's first free elections with four challengers, all from his politically dominant Somali Issar clan. *(AFP)*

How the Iron Lady overcame French resistance

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Were it not for the charms of a blonde with "eyes like Stalin and the voice of Marilyn Monroe", the fate of the Falklands and the course of recent British history might have been different.

That description of Margaret Thatcher came from President Mitterrand, who, it emerged this week, was seriously taken by the feminine power of Britain's former prime minister. The source is an extraordinary chronicle by Jacques Attali, who served as M Mitterrand's special adviser and as his Boswell until he left to found the Bank for European Reconstruction and Development two years ago.

M Attali's version, drawn from notes on the day and approved by the president himself, differs from the legendary quote in which M Mitterrand was said to have commented that the British prime minister had "the lips of Marilyn Monroe and the eyes of Caligula". *Le Monde* yesterday questioned the wisdom of disclosing the detail of M Mitterrand's conversations while he and many of those involved are still in power.

For all Mrs Thatcher's exasperating behaviour over Europe, "a mutual trust united them", M Attali said on the release of *Verbatim*, his 1,000-page record of M Mitterrand's official conversations and many intimate ones from 1981 to 1986. "There was a certain tension between them, but they had a relationship of seduction, the rapport of man-woman."

A smitten M Mitterrand came up with the line about Stalin's eyes and Monroe's voice on the plane home after his first summit with the British leader in September 1981. He had gone to the meeting knowing Britain's interests and strategy in Europe were directly contradictory to those of France, M Attali says. "The British want to put an end to 20 years of Franco-German domination in Europe," he said.

The most obvious fruit of Mrs Thatcher's seductiveness was the Socialist president's decision, against the advice of his entire entourage, to back Britain against Argentina in the Falklands war. Out of "tenderness", the French president called Mrs Thatcher "l'épicière" (woman grocer) and he was the first to call to "comfort her" after the Argentine invasion, M Attali says. "I admire her ... or do I envy her?" M Mitterrand mused as he observed Britain's fleet heading for Port Stanley.

Among other measures, M Mitterrand ordered a reluctant military to give Britain all the data on the Exocet and other French weapons used by Argentina. Yet, Mrs Thatcher pressed harder and harder. The Elysée Palace could barely believe it when, according to M Attali, Mrs Thatcher threatened to cancel the Channel tunnel in May 1982 if French resolve wavered.



Attali: fly-on-the-wall record of discussions



Mitterrand: enjoyed man-woman rapport

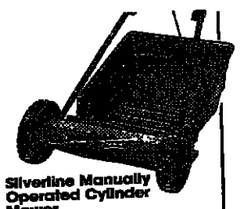
M Attali gives a fascinating fly-on-the wall account of his boss's conversations with Mrs Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, Helmut Kohl and other leaders. Giving in to her colleagues at the Fontainebleau summit of 1984, Mrs Thatcher "shattered like glass, on the verge of tears — an amazing spectacle".

The other Europeans grew so tired of her obsession with Britain's refund "cheque" that they mocked her even in her presence. At the Eueopean Community summit in Luxembourg in 1985, Mrs Thatcher lectured her colleagues, according to the French account. "You're going to kill business with your rule-making. I have worked in a firm of three people and I should know!"

Giulio Andreotti, the then Italian prime minister, interrupted: "What happened to the two others? I suppose they must have died from '*maladie professionelle*'?" Mrs Thatcher snapped back: "This is becoming very discourteous."

M Mitterrand was quite impressed by Mr Reagan although he grew tired of the American president's "brutal" treatment of the allies and also of his anecdotes. At the Ottawa summit in 1981, Mr Reagan's entire position on foreign aid consisted of a long-winded tale about a Mexican and a garden hose.

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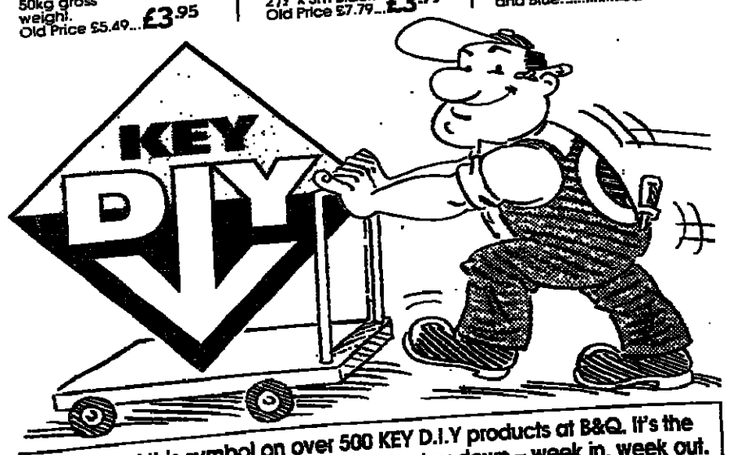


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Militias press ahead to take more territory as politicians opt for high-risk gamble on vote

Serbs wield power of ballot box to pour scorn on West

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

REFERENDUM

■ The self-appointed parliament of Serbs in Bosnia hopes to forestall United Nations-sponsored military intervention with a cynical display of local democracy

THE decision of the Bosnian Serb parliament to go ahead with a referendum on the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia has been greeted with dismay in Western capitals but with a mixture of satisfaction and fear among ordinary Bosnian Serbs.

The referendum vote, expected to result in an overwhelming "no" to the plan, is a defiant, high-risk gesture aimed at beating the West at its own game. The Bosnian Serb deputies hope that, with the plan voted down, Western policy will be undermined. They calculate that it will be even harder for governments to contemplate military intervention if that is seen as forcing people to live in a state that they have just "democratically" rejected.

"We are ready to die to defend the principles of democracy," said General Dusan Kovacevic, the Bosnian Serb defence minister. "It is up to the West whether it will respect the first grain of democracy in Yugoslavia."

A typical caller to a Bosnian Serb radio programme yesterday said: "I can congragulate the parliament. Accepting the plan would have been like accepting suicide. It is better to die on your feet than live on your knees."

However, many ordinary people are also genuinely afraid of Western air strikes. After a year of war, ordinary Bosnian Serbs are a radicalised people in arms. Thousands have died and the cause has been a separation of the peoples in Bosnia and the unification of the Serbs to one state. They do not see themselves as dying for a plan which envisages the division of the country into ten autonomous provinces, and the break-up of the present Serb-held territories into several pieces.

Serb forces presently hold 70 per cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina territory and were on the point last night of securing more. Zepa, one of the last remaining Muslim communities in eastern Bosnia, appeared to be on the verge of falling into the hands of Serbs as the population of the community's main town fled into the hills under intense artillery and tank fire.

A senior UN officer in Bosnia said he would not be surprised if the community were overrun in the very near future. Most of the estimated 30,000 people in the area have fled into nearby forests and caves. At least 134 people have been killed so far, according to a radio operator in Sarajevo who is in contact with a counterpart in Zepa. There are no independent observers in the area.

The Zepa citizens' association in Sarajevo said in a statement: "We are appealing for an urgent helicopter evacuation of 215 badly wounded and sick persons who are doomed to die unless they are properly and urgently treated." Last month the UN evacuated several hundred Muslims from Srebrenica.

There was no sign last night of the three-day-old assault on Zepa being called off, and one UN operations officer speculated that after taking the town the Serbs intended to move on Gorazde to expand as far as possible the territory under Serb control.

Yesterday the Serbs were reported to have broken through the front line and set up artillery positions only a mile from Zepa. The Bosnian army in the area appeared to have collapsed: one amateur radio operator said that it had run out of ammunition.

Further Serb gains would strengthen the argument that a referendum on the peace plan would end in a resounding rejection. Under the terms of the Vance-Owen plan, Serb holdings would have to be reduced to 43 per cent, leaving an undetermined but large number of Serbs in Muslim or Croat-designated provinces. Few would want to return to other than Serb rule, especially in view of the degree of brutality used by Serbs in their "ethnic cleansing".

Hundreds of thousands of Serb refugees, who have fled areas under Muslim and Croat control, have no desire to share their lives with their former neighbours, and are certain to vote against the plan. Moreover, many others are already living in the former homes of Muslims and Croats who have fled Serb military advances.

Any referendum could hardly be conducted as "free and fair" because of the absence of free media and massive population displacement as a result of the war.

The referendum might be expected to lead to more war just as two previous polls paved the way for the Bosnian carnage. In November 1991, Bosnian Serbs voted to remain in Yugoslavia. At the end of February last year, Muslims and Croats voted overwhelmingly to leave it. This led to international recognition of Bosnia, which in turn sparked the war.

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MARC ASPLAND

Barrier to peace: the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the peace plan was condemned as "a dangerous folly" by Lord Owen, seen outside his London office yesterday. Their decision had brought Western intervention a step closer, but he cautioned against rushing into military action



UK hints at new weapons policy

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A BRITISH minister signalled last night that the government might bow to American pressure and agree to lift the arms embargo against Serbia's Muslims after American and European leaders reached no agreement on Bosnia at meetings.

Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, held talks at Nato and the EC with British, Danish and Belgian ministers but they reached no firm conclusions. However they excluded none of the choices that have been the subject of transatlantic consultations in recent weeks.

ARMS EMBARGO

Afterwards, Douglas Hogg, Foreign Office junior minister, said there was "no proposition on the table" for despatching ground troops to Bosnia since there was no peace accord for them to supervise.

He hinted, though, that Britain might support an American decision either to lift the arms embargo on the Muslims or to begin air strikes against the Serbs. He said: "It is indeed possible that we will rally behind propositions which, left entirely to our own devices, we think might not be the best way forward."

Meanwhile, the Muslim-led government of Bosnia-Herzegovina called on the international community yesterday to "confront" the Bosnian Serbs. Mohammed Sacirbey, Bosnia's UN ambassador, said Serb forces had broken through the defences of the Muslim enclave of Zepa and the civilian population had started fleeing the town.

"It's time to start facing reality," he said. "They are going to continue with the genocide and we need to confront them."

Russia fears 'monstrous bloodshed' as pressure for force mounts

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW WARNING

ANDREI Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, denounced the decision by the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb parliament to reject the Vance-Owen peace plan and issued a warning that the vote could result in "monstrous bloodshed".

Mr Kozyrev told a meeting of foreign and defence ministry officials, convened to discuss Wednesday's vote in Pale, that he hoped the Bosnian Serb referendum would "correct the decision" and said that a further setback to the peace plan would be disastrous for the region.

The Bosnian Serb vote increases the pressure on Russia to back the use of force to end the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a step which it has sought to avoid because of its traditional strong ties with the Serbs. Mr Kozyrev showed clear disappointment and other senior foreign ministry officials blamed the Bosnian Serbs for undermining Russian peace efforts.

Vitali Churkin, Russia's envoy to the former Yugoslavia, left Moscow for Belgrade for talks on Bosnia, apparently on a mission to reassure President Milosevic of Serbia that Moscow will use its leverage to ensure that any punitive action is targeted against the Bosnian Serbs rather than Belgrade. He will also talk to Bosnian Serb leaders.

The vote against the peace plan places President Yeltsin in the unwelcome position of having to consider a response to possible military action by America and Europe that would keep Russia in line with the West, at a time when it badly needs aid from the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations to sustain the faltering economic reforms. At the same time, he is being accused by parliament and the hardline opposition of selling-out the historical alliance of Slavs to buy the West's favour.

Kozyrev: sent mission to reassure Milosevic

Mr Yeltsin, while he has overcome his earlier personal doubts about a pro-Western Balkans policy, is aware that any agreement by Moscow to the use of force against Bosnian Serbs would give his nationalist enemies more ammunition. If Russia abstains he would stand accused of undermining the country's role on the world stage.

Russia broke ranks for the first time last month and abstained when the UN Security Council approved tighter sanctions against the former Yugoslavia. There are still many senior officials in the foreign and defence ministries — such as the cautious Mr Churkin — who are deeply uncomfortable with the idea of an assault on the Serbs.

Mr Yeltsin now recognises that the West's continued good will towards Russia depends on support in the Balkans. In the strongest statement yet, emphasising Russian and American unity on the conflict, the two sides signed a document this week agreeing to discuss "newer, tougher measures" if the peace plan is not implemented and declaring, "no measures are prejudged or excluded from consideration", implying that Moscow may now be prepared to back military intervention.

British MPs wary of the military option

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

COMMENTARY

MINIMALISM is still the prevailing mood in London. If, or perhaps now when, military action is taken against the Bosnian Serbs, any British participation will only be with serious reservations. It will be primarily in order to maintain the unity of the international community and to avoid breaches in the transatlantic alliance rather than because of any belief that the use of force will halt the civil war.

Anyone listening to the comments of ministers will have detected hardly any enthusiasm for the options which Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, has been discussing this week with European leaders. Even yesterday the government was still looking to President Milosevic of Serbia to put pressure on the Bosnian Serbs rather than to military action.

The British hope is that the gap between the Belgrade regime and the Bosnian Serbs can be exploited; and the Serbian president can be persuaded to use his leverage by closing the border, cutting off supplies and apply other pressure. The fear in London is that precipitate military action might bring the Belgrade regime and the Bosnian Serbs back together without stopping the fighting.

Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, underlined the continuing strong British opposition to any relaxation of the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims and its doubts about limited air attacks. These are balanced by worries about the appearance of disunity between Washington and the European capitals. It remains the rule that private impatience with the Americans must never affect public policy.

The one option absolutely excluded by ministers is the commitment of ground troops to end the fighting, as opposed to policing an agreement reached by the parties over the Vance-Owen plan. There is, however, the grey area of defending any "safe havens".

What is clear is the continuing apprehension among Conservative MPs about any steps which would endanger the British troops now involved in the humanitarian effort. There are few hawks on the Tory benches and it is significant that the leading defence specialists are almost all doves. Several believe that the British contingent should be withdrawn if air attacks are ordered. With only a few exceptions on the Labour left, the opposition's line is more hawkish than the government's solely in urging that the United Nations should threaten air attacks as part of an ultimatum.

The government is near what Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has called "a fork in the road". It has to decide how far to go along with American pressure for military action in face of its own doubts (shared by key allies, such as France) and the worries of its own supporters. British policy is being shifted by American pressure and by the deteriorating situation in Bosnia, beyond what ministers were ruling out only two or three weeks ago. But there is no enthusiasm for the likely new approach.

Milosevic insists the peace process goes on

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SLOBODAN Milosevic, the Serbian president, said the decision taken yesterday by the Bosnian Serb assembly was irresponsible, but he insisted that the peace process would go on.

Exhausted by sanctions and facing catastrophe, Serbia is trying to extricate itself from the adventure it was pushed into by Mr Milosevic two years ago. The latest visitor to Belgrade exploring ways to avoid the abyss is a special envoy sent by President Yeltsin of Russia.

Mr Milosevic has already implicitly warned the Bosnian Serbs not to expect any more aid from Belgrade. He may be reluctant to take such a radical step, but the idea is gaining ground among some opposition parties which are urging that the border be closed.

The sharpest condemnation of the vote came from Momir Bulatovic, the Montenegrin president, who said that the Bosnian Serbs had now repeated previous errors but with even graver consequences. "Such a degree of irresponsibility, both of the Bosnian Serb leader, and deputies is unprecedented in the contemporary world."

Mr Bulatovic said the deputies who voted were not even acquainted with three of the four documents of the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Vuk Draskovic, leader of the largest Serbian opposition party, the Serbian Renewal Movement, urged the United Nations to disregard the vote and go ahead with the peace plan. Mr Draskovic said that Belgrade must cut off supplies and deny all military assistance to the Bosnian Serbs.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE: A TIMES /DILLONS DEBATE

WHAT are the rights and wrongs of abortion and euthanasia? Who has the right to decide? Ronald Dworkin, professor of law at New York, and professor of jurisprudence at Oxford, leads this Times / Dillons debate: when do we have the right to end a life?

Author of *Life's Dominion*, Professor Dworkin will be supported in his "pro-choice" views by Dr Steve Jones, head of genetics and biometry at University College. Challenging them will be David Alton, MP, and Mary Kenny, the journalist and broadcaster.

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Peace plan rejection deals Clinton disastrous blow

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ American planes are poised to bomb Serb artillery. Their deployment will hit a sensitive target on the home front: the president's core legislative programme

ON WEDNESDAY morning, basking in the success of a campaign launched by his predecessor, President Clinton marched down the White House lawn with about 50 American soldiers just back from Somalia.

Late that night came the shocking news from the Balkans. The self-appointed Bosnian Serb parliament had rejected the Vance-Owen peace plan, making it almost inevitable that Mr Clinton would soon be launching a military operation of his own: one infinitely more perilous than preventing mass starvation in the Horn of Africa.

The vote in Pale was a



Clinton: facing biggest test on Bosnia policy

disaster for the president with profound implications for an administration whose mandate is to solve America's domestic problems. His economic plan is in trouble on Capitol Hill. He is shortly to unveil a health care reform plan that will dwarf the economic plan. At the very moment that the president should be focusing laser-like on his core legislative programme, American warplanes will very likely be bombing Serb artillery positions and Washington's prestige will be irrevocably committed to ending the Balkans conflict.

Mr Clinton cannot count on much popular support for military intervention. The latest poll showed Americans oppose air strikes by 52 per cent to 36, and that is before a single flight has been flown, civilian killed or pilot lost. Without intense lobbying, it is questionable whether he could even obtain congressional authorisation.

Tom Foley, the House Speaker, predicted last night that Congress would support Mr Clinton if he sought authority for military action, saying no president had yet been denied that backing.

However, Lee Hamilton, the chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, said that there was "great confusion" within Congress about what America's national interests in Bosnia were. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said the president had "to identify our strategic interests. He has to identify our humanitarian interests, and he has to express clear goals that might be tied to military action."

As if President Clinton's relations with the military were not rocky enough, he would be overriding the advice of his generals who see only the perils of air strikes. Just one, Merrill McPeak, the air force chief of staff, has expressed any enthusiasm, and he is reckoned to be jostling to replace Colin Powell who retires this autumn as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

A ptospect that makes White House officials shudder is that Gen Powell, once retired, will publicly criticise Mr Clinton's resort to military action if the conflict is not ended. Finally, the president must somehow prevent a split with Britain, France and other allies who, like him, had been banking on Serb support for the plan to render their disagreements irrelevant.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, failed on his tour of European capitals this week to win a single convert to the preferred American policy of arming Bosnia's Muslims while protecting them with air strikes. The best he could obtain were diplomatic platitudes to the effect that no options were ruled out if the peace plan were rejected.

Now he must begin his consultations all over again, with allied support for air strikes alone likely to be the most that he can achieve. On Capitol Hill yesterday, congressional patience with Britain, France and other allies appeared to be wearing thin. The president had to get the Europeans to do two things, Susan Molinari, a Republican congresswoman, said. "Number one, strategic air strikes at vital Serbian military interests, and number two — once and for all — let's lift the arms embargo. Let's get the people out of there who were allegedly trying to keep the peace, and allow the people to fight their own wars."

Barely 100 days into his presidency, America's commander-in-chief and the free world's leader is facing his biggest test. It is one into which he has been inveigled by his own campaign rhetoric, by his moral and humanitarian instincts, and by sustained pressure from a media and congressional elite. It is one from which he cannot now retreat without gravely undermining American authority and credibility.

If there is any consolation, it is that committing more than 20,000 American ground troops as peacekeepers in the volatile Balkans would have been almost more hazardous. As Admiral Jeremy Boorda, commander of Nato forces in southern Europe, joked during a recent speech in London, ratification of the peace plan by the Serbs was his fondest wish, but also his greatest fear.

☐ Geneva: The Clinton administration unveiled its "plan of action" for better United Nations protection of human rights, including appointment of an investigator into abuse of women. The Geneva-based UN Human Rights Commission should appoint a special rapporteur on violence against women, the nine-page plan, released by Kenneth Blackwell, the American ambassador, urged. *(AP)*



Changing places: Lt Col Bob Stewart, left, of the Cheshires, with his successor, Lt Col Alastair Duncan, of the Prince of Wales Regiment, outside Vitez yesterday

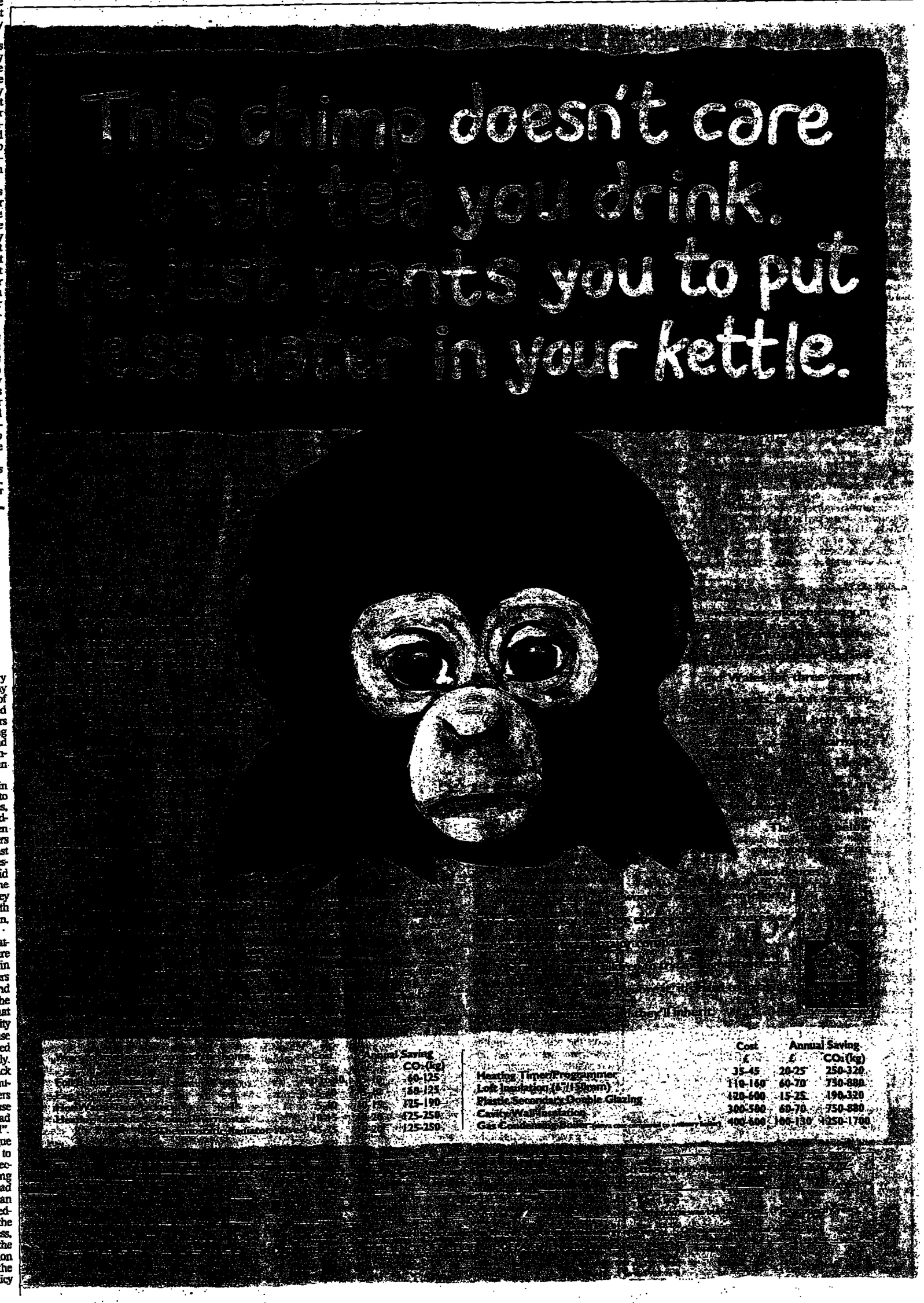
US delays reforms to focus on deficit

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday appointed the chief of staff of Al Gore, the vice-president, to his own staff and signalled a delay in the unveiling of his health care reforms as he struggled to put his faltering legislative programme back on track.

Roy Neel, a Washington veteran, is to become the president's deputy chief of staff charged with day-to-day White House management while Mark Gearan, the other deputy, concentrates on long-term strategic planning. Both will support Thomas "Mack" McLarty, the low-profile chief of staff, who is a childhood friend of the president.

The health plan being drawn up by his wife, Hillary, is now expected to be unveiled next month, not this, partly so that the president can concentrate on pushing his battered deficit-reduction plan through Congress. The two moves follow introspection of the Clinton administration after last week's poor reviews of its first 100 days and the Senate's defeat of the president's $16 billion economic stimulus package.



Mickey Mouse 'worked for FBI'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

WALT Disney worked for more than 25 years as a secret FBI informer, according to official documents released to the author of a new biography.

The 570-page dossier claims that the creator of Mickey Mouse passed names of suspected subversives to the authorities during the anti-communist McCarthyite era and even made some script changes. He also offered FBI agents free use of Disneyland.

The FBI papers were obtained through the Freedom of Information Act by Marc Eliot for a forthcoming biography, *Walt Disney: Hollywood's Dark Prince*. But many sections of the documents were censored for reasons of national security, making it impossible to identify which actors, writers, producers, directors and technicians Disney named as subversives.

The files say that, in 1956, the FBI granted Disney permission to film its Mickey Mouse Club television programme at bureau headquarters in Washington after receiving assurances that the Mouseketeers would praise the agents and make the bureau "something which children would look up to".

The files recall many studio executives, and Ronald Reagan, then the Screen Actors' Guild head, co-operating with the bureau to combat alleged subversion.

Farmers rally to right-wing generals

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THOUSANDS of angry white farmers rallied yesterday behind the "committee of generals", the group of retired senior police and army officers seeking to form a right-wing coalition in South Africa, and vowed to reject any government controlled by the African National Congress.

A rally at Potchefstroom in Transvaal was organised to focus on farmers' grievances, particularly security. According to police there have been 369 armed attacks on farmers since the beginning of last year. In the latest, on Wednesday, a farmer's wife said attackers called out "One Boer, one bullet", before they stabbed her husband to death on a smallholding at Alberton, south of Johannesburg.

The rally provided a platform for the generals, who are to launch their movement in Pretoria today. Farmers cheered as General Constand Viljoen, a former chief of the defence force, declared that the main reason for instability in South Africa was because the government had stopped resisting the ANC militarily. "The real danger is not black nationalism but communism," he said. Farmers should be prepared because "many will be shot dead before the problem is solved".

The ANC Youth League called on its supporters to work with "progressive sections" of the police in hunting the gunmen who shot dead four black policemen in an ambush in Soweto on Wednesday. It also called on the Pan Africanist Congress, whose armed wing — the Azanian People's Liberation Army — is suspected of the killings, to explain its policy towards the security forces.

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We don't need International No Diet Day, just give us a few more stout role models like French and Saunders

Plumpness is a parliamentary issue



LIBBY PURVES

I am disgusted to have missed International No Diet day on Wednesday. Especially as there were a great many almond croissants left over, for once, from the new-style Producer-Choice hospitality offered by the *Midweek* programme (we had thought the sumo wrestler would eat them, but he didn't). I only noticed the event when it was cursorily reported that 38 MPs had signed a Commons motion on the "perils and futility of dieting except for medical reasons", blaming it not only for eating disorders in eight-year-olds but for low self-esteem, constipation and headaches.

Most of them seem to have been Opposition MPs, but even so it was pretty brave. Especially given the risk of being pilloried by the slender and merciless Mr Parris of this newspaper, with his notorious stout-ist views. Glenda Jackson signed on, and Diane Abbott, and Clare Short and Audrey Wise; also 22 courageous men.

I doubt, however, whether they have put paid to the low-calorie milkshake industry. There have been numerous books on the theme, from Geoffrey Cannon's *Dieting Makes You Fat* (moral: go jogging instead) to Susie Orbach's *Fat is a Feminist Issue* (moral: you have a right to take up space, sister!) and Naomi Wolf's *The Beauty Myth* (moral: men are beasts who want to starve us). The medical prejudices surrounding obesity have been demolished by research proving that the risks from other causes — smoking, promiscuity, booze, lack of exercise, yo-yo dieting — are immensely greater than those of moderate active fatness. Doctors, admittedly, lag behind this research: since fat is easy to diagnose however bad a doctor you are, they pick on it as a way to make patients feel guilty and go away quicker. As Dr Rob Buckman once observed, the medical definition of obesity is weighing two stone more than your GP.

All the evidence has been around for years to prove that fashionable thinness is unhealthy, and can lead to infertility and other ailments. Equally, in the words of the cheery Australian personal trainer Jamie Addicoat, who used to lead convoys of big women jogging round Covent Garden, "There's nothing wrong with a bit of fat as long as you keep it moving around". The trouble is, women don't want to look healthy. Peaky Kate Moss is still a supermodel. Teenagers still think Magenta De Vine, druggy waxen pallor and all, looks pretty groovy. The Princess of Wales — who could have done more to prevent eating disorders merely by letting a couple of stone settle fetchingly around her middle after the second child, and still smiling at cameras — continues to be more or less invisible from the side. When the telephoto lenses picked up the Duchess of York on her sun-lounger with Johnny Bryant, it was not the cicisbeo but the cellulite which caused most tabloid odium.

Everyone knows at least six reasonably shaped women who diet permanently and obsessively. I dined with one the other night, scrawny enough, who was complaining that certain strategies of diet and exercise "didn't work". The interesting thing was that I was doing less of them than her, but having started three stone heavier I knew that they did work.

If you're really overweight, you can easily knock off a stone in a fortnight without much effort. If you aren't overweight by the standard of anything but fashion, nature asserts itself and you have to starve. The trouble is that rational dieting (the kind men do when their trousers won't zip up) has become fatally confused with the effort to become what doctors call "unphysiologically thin", with razor hipbones.

Maybe there should be two tiers of diet advice: healthy magazines which tell you how to lose it when you really ought to (eat less fat and sugar, jump around a bit); and special magazines for nutters called *Extreme Dieter* or *Suicidal Slimming Weekly*. These could live on the hobby shelves, too high for eight-year-olds to reach, and carry all the things neurotic bimbos really want to know: like the number of calories in a raisin, the fastest laxative, and the most appetite-suppressant cigarette. There would, of course, be an outcry: but at least we would be accepting that this form of dieting is a perversion rather than a mainstream "health" activity.

Still, on the same day the BBC flung £2 million at Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders, neither of them at all thin or at all apologetic. Maybe role-models will triumph where reason has failed. In a world of haggard X-rays, take comfort from Barbara Cartland: "After 40, a woman has to choose between keeping her face and her figure. My advice is to keep your face, and stay sitting down." Could not the Queen Mother (92 and blooming) speak out next?

Sick to the heart with the English novel

Forget about sex, now it is the sickbed which is turning on the contemporary writer, says **Daniel Johnson**

The English novel is sick. By this I do not mean to repeat old saws about the decline of English literature. But illness, physical and mental, has suddenly supplanted sex, for so long the most fashionable theme in fiction.

Last year's Booker Prize already foreshadowed this obsession with disease. One of the co-winners, Michael Ondaatje's *The English Patient* (Bloomsbury), was based on the mystery of a pilot horribly burned and nursed in an Italian villa by a young woman. Of the other shortlisted novels, Christopher Hope's *Serenity House* (Macmillan) was set in a private nursing home for the old, while Patrick McCabe's *The Butcher Boy* (Picador) dealt with the psychopathology of bereavement in Irish rural society.

This year the number of literary novels in which disease plays a significant part is even greater. This week's *Times* books pages are a case in point: total loss of memory and identity in Michael Ignatieff's *Scar Tissue*, Aids in Dale Peck's *Fucking Martin* (both Chatto & Windus). Next week it will be the turn of *Dr Haggard's Disease* by Patrick McGrath (Viking), in which the sufferings of the injured protagonist, a doctor, are juxtaposed with emotional maladies and hormonal disorders; *Griefwork* by James Hamilton-Paterson (Cape), in which the novel's main theme of bereavement is mirrored by the main character's lung disease; and *Sugar Cane* by Paul Bailey (Bloomsbury), with another doctor-protagonist and Aids again. This is merely a sample; a few weeks ago Penelope Farmer's *Snakes and Ladders* (Little, Brown) dealt with epilepsy, and there are many more.

> Widespread disaffection with promiscuity has given the novel of sickness a new currency

What has this new craze to do with earlier literary ailments? Disease has a long history as a literary *topos*. The divinely-inflicted wound, plague or madness have been themes at least since the *Philoctetes* of Sophocles and the Book of Job. Medieval romance was no less conscious of the metaphysical function of physical distemper in the popular tales of Tristram (or Tristan) and Perceval (or Parzival), among others; but illness is less voluptuously presented than it was by their romantic descendants, such as Wagner's operas and Tennyson's poetry. The Black Death left remarkably few traces in literature.

In the Renaissance anatomy and physiology made progress, thanks to great physicians such as Fabricius and Harvey, and new diseases such as syphilis made their appearance. Even so, Shakespeare or Montaigne were more preoccupied with mental disturbances, such as melancholia, than with the physical maladies in the face of which doctors were still practically impotent.

It was really only with the advent of Romanticism in the late 18th century that the phenomenology of sickness became a proper subject in its own right, rather than a symbol of divine displeasure. Mental rather than physical disintegration — one thinks of *Chatterton's suicide* — seemed more to the romantic taste, but gradually this changed. In the poetry of Keats there are graphic descriptions of tubercular symptoms. "Consumption" became the most literary of all illnesses: for a century or so, from Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* to Puccini's *La Bohème*, it was a great mine of metaphor.

Disease in general plays a large but not central role in 19th-century realism. In *Little Dorrit*, for example, Dickens has several of his characters fall ill, physically and mentally; the two are combined in the spectacular collapse of Mr Dorrit. There is no attempt to dignify the fate of that "poor maimed spirit".

The great achievements of 19th-century medicine and hygiene — the reduction in child mortality, anaesthetics, antiseptics, pasteurisation, sewerage and clean water — were sufficient to render illness less terrifying, no longer sent by God to punish; but the only way in which many diseases could be treated was by long periods spent in hospitals, clinics, spas or warm climates. These consequently remained very much the staple diet of novelists.

But for decadent heroes such as des Esseintes, in Joris-Karl Huysmans's *Against Nature*, or his disciple Dorian Gray, in Oscar Wilde's novella, disease was a heightening of the intensity of life. This led on to the notion of life as itself a form of disease.

The peerless master of this theme was Thomas Mann. *The Magic Mountain* developed it on an epic scale in the sober setting of a tuberculosis sanatorium, but he had already placed a disease (cholera) at the heart of *Death in Venice*, and later depicted the ravages of meningitis and syphilis in Doctor Faustus. He returned to it in almost his last work, *Die Betrogene*, in which a woman imagines herself to be miraculously pregnant when she is dying of cancer.

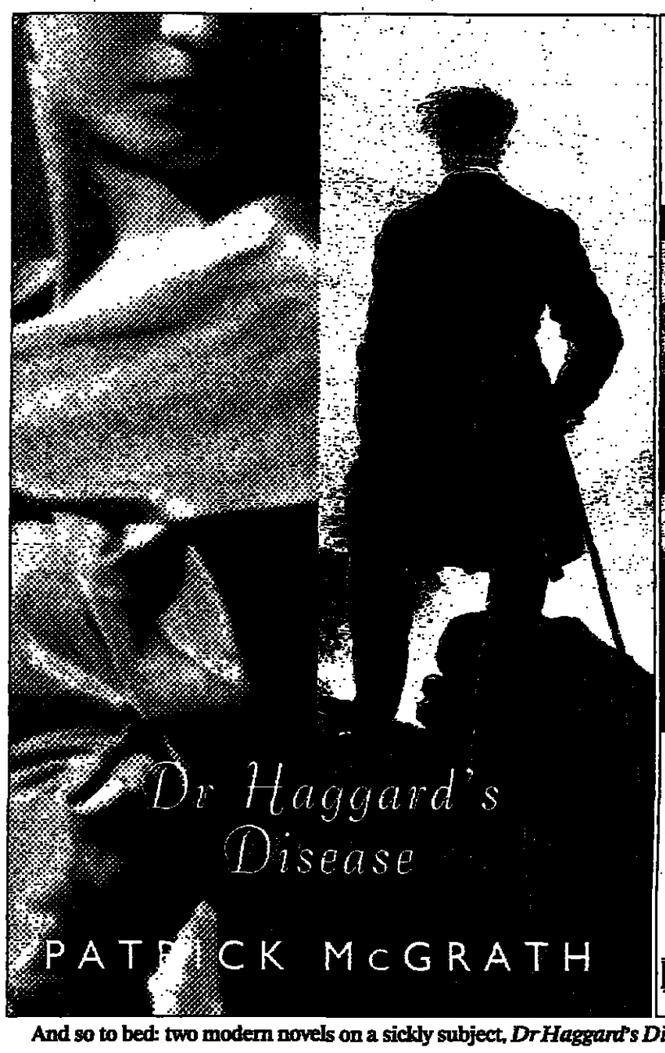
Even when illness was not an explicit theme in the period of high modernism, between the wars, it lurked in the background. Kafka and D. H. Lawrence were only two of the many consumptive authors who succumbed to the disease even after the first world war; their very different brands of modernism both demonstrate, in an elliptical way, the hold that illness still had on the literary imagination. Kafka transforms disease into a voluntary condition in the story of "The Hunger Artist", who starves himself to death, or depicts the patient as an insect in "Metamorphosis". Lawrence's frenetic vitalism derives its hysterical urgency from his own frailty.

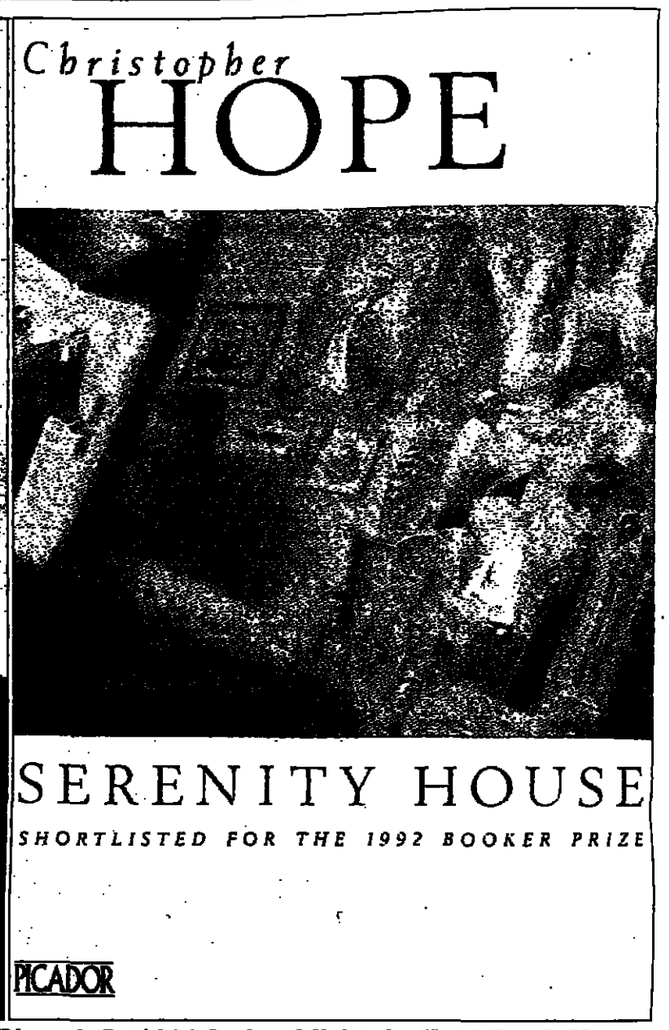
By the 1940s, antibiotics were readily available. The post-war literary world was less interested in disease, except for cancer, which continued to defy medical science. Only a minority of people nowadays spend more than a few days in medical care for most of their lives; most are healthy for many years even in old age.

The Aids epidemic has directly affected relatively few people in Britain; far fewer Britons have personal experience of Aids than previous generations did of older fatal diseases such as TB or meningitis. But the huge public debate and the widespread disaffection with promiscuity which it provoked have given the novel of sickness a new currency. Some younger writers, such as Adam Mars-Jones, have even specialised in writing about Aids.

Whatever its causes, this pathological strain in the contemporary novel is here to stay. Morbid? Certainly; but no more so than Nietzsche or the existentialists. The rise in interest (and spending) on health is inexorable, and this was bound to have literary consequences. Many matters that were the exclusive domain of doctors are now openly discussed.

Despite medicine's triumphs, the potential global dangers to which illnesses may lead are also greater. One new book by two Americans, *When Illness Strikes the Leader: The Dilemma of the Captive King* by Jerrold M. Post and Robert S. Robins (Yale), analyses the whole history of sickness at the summit. This is legitimate territory for the novelist, too. If the novel is sick, so is society; we should not expect our writers to teach us, only to hold up a mirror to ourselves.





And so to bed: two modern novels on a sickly subject, *Dr Haggard's Disease*, by Patrick McGrath, and Christopher Hope's *Serenity House*

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You are a western woman in love with a Russian man. It is love at first sight from the moment you clap eyes on Sergei, Viktor or Kostya and, with the Cold War over, there is nothing to stand in the way of marriage. Except that, as a foreigner living in Moscow, you are unimaginably rich by Russian standards, and in the dark hours before dawn you wonder whether he would love you quite as fiercely if you had a purse full of roubles rather than dollars.

Even if you are above such suspicions, how do you preserve the poor man's dignity when you seem to pay for everything, including your apartment (it was either that, or move into a box-room at his parents' place)? Understandably enough, he responds to the constant reminder that he is the economic underdog by being moody, perhaps rude to your western friends, and critical of your dress and cooking. Before you know it, you are screaming at each other in your own languages.

The opening up of the country has resulted in a plethora of east-west liaisons, few untouched by the vast culture and wealth gap that yawns between Russia and the rest of us. Now Beverley Dwight, an American therapist based at the United States embassy in Moscow, has started a support group aimed at taking the stress out of loving a Russian. This is a women-only group, principally because it seems to be mainly foreign women who set up home here with Russian men, rather than foreign men with Russian women.

"A western woman married to a Russian may find herself estranged from her foreign friends, who cannot imagine what it is like to be married to a local," Ms Dwight says. "Her Russian girlfriends will be sympathetic about the weaknesses of Russian men but unable to understand her expectations or responses. She is caught between two very different cultures."

The relaxation of visa regulations, the end of KGB surveillance and the arrival of the trappings of western lifestyle in Moscow — advertising hoardings and Pepsi — seem to have misled some into thinking that Russians are becoming more like us. They are not, nor on the whole do they want to. Courtship, sex, marriage, children and divorce all have different values attached to them in Moscow.

Russians expect to marry young and are usually under parental pressure to wed after a courtship has proceeded for a relatively short time by western standards. Such decisiveness in matrimonial matters tends to impress western women. "I was swept off my feet and into the Palace of Weddings before I could come to my senses," is how one woman, now divorced from a Muscovite, puts it. Unless a woman moves in particularly enlightened intellectual circles, she is expected to provide children whenever the husband wants them, usually immediately, and go on until he achieves a son.

If the couple decide to leave Moscow, the relationship is in for another period of turmoil, as the Russian tries to acclimatise to life abroad. Besides, Kostya's rugged charm might not seem so appealing once out of his native habitat. And you, too, may lose some of your sheen when you are no longer a rare commodity, but a westerner in the west.

Language is a further obstacle. It is very easy to learn to say "I love you" in Russian, but takes vast effort and talent to become a truly fluent speaker.

The nuances and usage of Russian also reflect deep cultural differences. One German woman who joined Ms Dwight's group was distraught when her spouse told her that it was time to have a baby, or he would leave her. What bothered her was not just the expectation that she would drop her career to suit him, but the use of an ultimatum. But ultimatums are a more common and more acceptable device in Russia than in the west: imperatives are rarely proceeded by the waffling politeness in which Anglo-Saxons excel.

A woman over 30 wearing a mini-skirt, or a wife wielding a screwdriver, may well be considered by a Russian to be *neprelichno* — indelicate — or *neadekvatnoye* — inappropriate.

Then there are the in-laws. In Moscow, you do not just marry the man, you marry the family. The grandparents will advise you on all aspects of child-rearing and insist on taking part in it. The dominance of the grandmother is taken for granted, with any children effectively common property of the extended family.

Urban Russia has a very high divorce rate, and once a marriage has ended, the male partner is under no realistically enforceable legal obligation, or even much of a social one, to support any children. Adultery is also common and many males do not regard fidelity (theirs, that is) as a desirable component of marriage.

The exotic frisson of an inter-cultural love-affair often changes into frustration with the passage of time. "I'm afraid that the differences which attract people to each other in this case often drive them apart again," Ms Dwight says. "The Chinese look different from the first glance, so we are prepared for deeper differences. Russians look like us and the surprise comes later."

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Flame of passion: Moscow weddings often include a visit to the unknown soldier's tomb

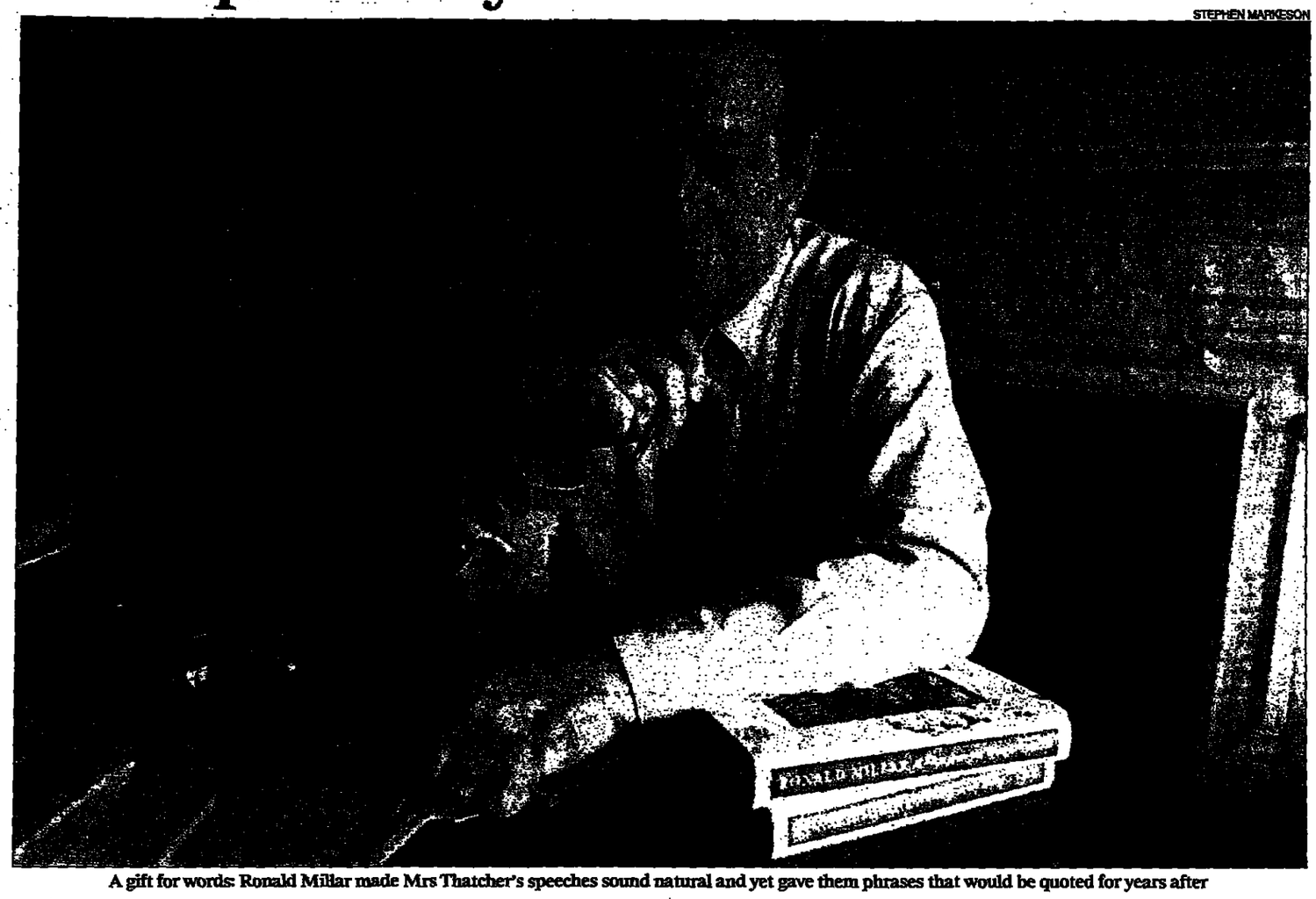
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A playwright always needs a leading lady and for 16 soundbite-packed years it was Madam

Sir Ronald Millar, speechwriter extraordinary to three Conservative prime ministers, explains the rhetorical tricks of his trade



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



STEPHEN MARKESON

A gift for words: Ronald Millar made Mrs Thatcher's speeches sound natural and yet gave them phrases that would be quoted for years after

Margaret Thatcher and Sir Ronald Millar had a very special relationship: he wrote all her best-remembered soundbites. Unlike the otherwise hard-eyed men who still hang fawningly on her every word, Sir Ronald was the one who put the words into her mouth. It was known as Ronnification.

The playwright of *Abelard and Heloise* and the musical *Robert and Elizabeth* never took any recompense for *Ronnie and Margaret* — unless you count the knighthood. Nor has he ever joined the Tory party. "I wanted to be a free spirit. Since I was never on the staff it meant she couldn't order me about quite in that way. I was a sort of extra-curricular activity."

Sir Ronald, tall and elegant, sits in his Kensington mansion flat where his study is like a stage-set for a bachelor writer's den, slightly shabby and awash with dusty papers.

A playwright needs a leading lady, and for 16 years it was "Madam". Politics is very like the theatre, as he keeps saying. He could never have written a better scene than the demolition job of Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech, nor a more triumphal valedictory performance than Mrs Thatcher's which she so relished ("I'm enjoying this!") to the united admiration of the House. Both were pure theatre. "She used to say to me, 'I'm not an actress'," he says, "but she certainly became one."

She used to ask him how he would say each line, until he told her that only very bad directors suggest intonations to their stars. But when she came to deliver the most famous line he wrote for her, "U-turn if you want to: the lady's not for turning" Mrs T failed to make the vital elision: she said, "The lady is not for turning . . ."

"I said, 'Oh!' and buried my head in my hands. But it didn't matter. I never thought that line would have such a long life. As Peggy Noonan [President Reagan's scriptwriter] says, there's all the difference in the world between a gag, which is stuck on, and a good soundbite."

After Mrs Thatcher's final curtain Sir Ronald embarked on his memoirs, *Waiting in the Wings*. It is packed with good scenes, its dialogue polished and embellished, full of epigrammatic wit and languid, Cowardesque lines. The first half is classic theatrical autobiography, with dear Noel and Ivor Novello and Terence Rattigan and a hilarious interlude in Hollywood. But he knows everyone will turn at once to the second, political, half of the story. They will look for Act III, scene 2, his first meeting with Mrs Thatcher: a scene which opened in a minor key but ended with a perfect curtain.

"We both began with deep-seated prejudices. Mine because one had become sort of protective of old Ted, and here was this extraordinary *Sound of Music* woman, with a fresh girl's appearance, and one thought gosh, what's the Tory party up to? And she treated me in a reserved way, because she felt 'this is Ted's writer, he can't be a writer for me'. And she sat, as she always did, with one hand over her eyes — 'Go on, I'm listening,' — while I read the speech aloud, which became our established way." For the peroration he had words attributed to Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong . . ." etc — and when he had finished reading, she silently reached into her handbag and produced a piece of newsprint: she carried Lincoln's Gettysburg address in her wallet at all times. So the alliance was sealed.

It had all begun at Helen, Lady Runcorn's in 1969, where Millar, (whose most recent play had been, prophetically, *Number Ten*) was at dinner. Also present: Geoffrey Tucker, director of communications at Central Office. After dinner Millar made some outspoken comments about the ineptness of the Tories' election campaign. "I had no idea who Tucker was, and just plunged in without realising where I was plunging. Fate was obviously behind it." The upshot was that Tucker invited Millar to write Mr Heath's final election broadcast in June 1970, just before the surprise Tory victory. "I don't say it swung anything, but it lifted a bit of morale," he says. It was the speech describing Harold Wilson as "a man for all reasons". So twisting play-titles took over from play-writing in Ronald Millar's life.

At first, he had thought Mr Heath was "just bloody rude". "No hands were shaken, no smiles exchanged," he writes. "He seemed to lack the usual courtesies." "But it is shyness," Millar now says. "Funny chap. In the end I sort of felt a bit warm about him."

So it was with Madam. The relationship blossomed. He saw her as a combination of Mrs Miniver and Mrs Danvers. She knew what sounded right: "It's just not me, dear." She knew intuitively, unlike American presidents, never to invoke God. In turn he knew when she was in too hyped a state, with the adrenalin coursing and her hair stiff and bouffant, to deliver the quiet, mood piece he thought necessary. "It wasn't all roses," he says, "by any means." But she was assiduous with her thank you notes: "You have always been on hand to cheer Denis and I up when things were not going well" — nobody ever had the courage, he says, to tell her it should be "Denis and me".

Did you ever want to leave it all? "No, curiously enough, I didn't. I found it fascinating, to be at the highest level in touch with the political process. It is gripping, and it was never dull."

After the Brighton bomb — Sir Ronald escaped injury by a last-minute change of room — the American ambassador Charles Price had suddenly arrived. "And Madam said, 'Charlie! What are *you* doing here?' [he uses a shrill tone] exactly like Edith Evans playing Lady Bracknell. Then there was the visitation from four bishops. She said, 'Good Lord!' and I said 'Exactly.' Life really is a farcical tragedy."

There were moments of incomprehension. "What is a 'theme park'?" Mrs Thatcher once asked, like a high court judge. Before her first ever conference speech, Millar murmured encouragingly, "Piece of cake." "Good heavens! Not *now*," retorted Mrs Thatcher. But that was the historic day when she produced a piece of impromptu comic business: a lady presented her with a blue feather duster, and Mrs Thatcher dusted the chairman with it, winning over the audience — "full of Ted's people" at once.

Years later he saw the same process happening in the same hall at Blackpool, when John Major made his first conference speech. He had never imagined he would be back. At the end of Mrs Thatcher's farewell party he had walked out into the rain thinking "No more speeches! It's back to the theatre. I'm home." In the ensuing months he had started writing his book, planning to make the farewell party the final chapter. But then came the call from Judith Chaplin in Mr Major's office: so a third term of prime-ministerial speech-writing began.

"And my first thought was, that's

> He knew when she was too hyped up, adrenalin coursing, to deliver a quiet mood piece

blown the end of my book! A dramatist has a sense of shape."

Readers will be fascinated to read about the haphazard process of political speechwriting in the hothouse kitchen, too many cooks trying to rescue the broth at the eleventh hour.

But what did "Ronnifying" a speech mean? "Hrrrmph, hrrmph," hrrmphed Sir Ronald, "I think what I had to do was make it natural. A combination of natural expression and theatrical impact. It sounds a contradiction in terms but all good plays have it. You get a lot of stuff coming in from ministries and it sounds stilted. I tend to use simple words, I hope in the right order and the right context."

Isn't it odd that people don't mind everyone knowing who really wrote their speeches and their jokes? It confirms politics as a game of words and tricks ("And what is that word? Air!" as Falstaff said) where he who spins the best phrases wins. Surely impassioned politicians should want to write their own lines, or at least pretend they did. Sir Ronald feels the same: "But everything's so open nowadays," he says.

His easy rapport with three prime ministers is attributable to his innate agreeableness. As a boy he was clever (scholarship to Charterhouse) and angelic-looking. At Cambridge he charmed everyone. His handsome father died when Ronald was a babe in arms, but his sparkling, stagey mother, Dorothy Dacre-Hill, took herself promptly off to Rada and into rep, taking her infant along so the lure of the greasepaint was there from the cradle. He was devoted to her until she died at almost 90. On that grim weekend, the Thatchers kindly invited him to Chequers.

He felt keenly for Lady Thatcher in the "bereavement" of her exile. "Her diary wiped clean overnight. Her life was politics. She had no hobbies. She hated holidays. I think for a year she really was stricken. Even though she saw it coming, in a funny sort of way."

And how did Lady Thatcher, once so grateful that Ronnie made the transition from Ted Heath to her, react when he proved just as helpful to Mr Major? They met, once, at Claridge's, where Lady Thatcher was delivering her well-rehearsed international-circuit speech. Afterwards, she asked Sir Ronald, somewhat coolly and implying betrayal, "How are you enjoying working for your *new* boss?"

"In effect I said, 'well, you chose him, it would be impolite to say anything other than I'm very happy' and she said, 'You look very well dear,' and swept on. I thought, *c'est la guerre*. Afterwards a friend said to me, 'You're very hurt by this aren't you?' and I said, nonsense! but I think I was.

"Look," he adds emolliently, "it is a very old and close friendship. And she is very much a part of my life." She has written to say she looks forward to reading his book. "And I," he had replied, "look forward to reading yours."

TOMORROW

Serialisation of Sir Ronald Millar's book begins in Weekend

Outmoded ways must go if the next jubilee is to be truly golden, says **John Grigg**

How the Queen can enter the real world

A conference involving searching discussion of every aspect of the monarchy, co-promoted by *The Times*, would have been unthinkable earlier in the Queen's reign.

But now the Queen herself recognises that she, like every other public figure, can benefit from critical examination of her performance, and even those pundits who were formerly most bland and courtly when writing about her are taking the cue from her Guildhall speech. The atmosphere has changed with astonishing swiftness, and one may perhaps hope that in future sincere monarchists who see it as their duty to criticise as well as praise will not be accused of "attacking the monarchy" (as if book critics were to be treated as enemies of literature).

Now that it is open season for free and serious debate about royal matters, it is vital to concentrate attention on the Queen herself. Other members of the family are, of course, important in their varying degrees, and a few are conspicuously newsworthy at the moment, for good or ill. But, so long as she remains on the throne, the future of the monarchy will depend more on her contribution than on anyone else's.

Her silver jubilee in 1977 was celebrated by media and public with indiscriminate euphoria, but the fortieth anniversary of her reign was, as we know, "horrible". The question now must be, can her golden jubilee in 2002 become an occasion for wholehearted and well-founded enthusiasm? All who care for the monarchy must hope that it will, but the change from present adversity to triumph in nine years' time will not occur automatically. The Queen will have to work for it.

She has great strengths, which deserve the fullest acknowledgement. In dignity, decency and decorum it is impossible to fault her. Through a period of social flux and collapsing moral standards she has shown admirable steadiness of character. She is respected throughout the whole world, and is seen as a fixed point in an increasingly turbulent sea, diffusing light and reassurance.



Coronation day: great hopes

But, paradoxically, in one sense her fixity has been her worst weakness. Lacking imagination herself, she has not acquired the compensating flair to act on imaginative advice. As a result, she has shown a disastrous reluctance to revise mistaken assumptions, or to depart from obsolete ways, except under extreme pressure, as in the matter of her finances. She has tended to react to events, usually far too slowly, rather than taking the initiative and so forestalling trouble. The belated decision to open Buckingham Palace to the public is a case in point. This should have been done long ago, and for its own sake.

The matter most urgently calling for change, however, is the use the Queen makes of her time. For at least three months of every year she disappears to her estates in this country. This would be inappropriate if she were only the local head of state; granted that she is also the head of state of about 15 other countries, and the chosen (not hereditary) head of a worldwide Commonwealth, it is grotesquely unsuitable. What should we think if the Pope, the only other monarchical figure with a worldwide constituency, were to spend a quarter of every year isolated with his relations and cronies at Castel Gandolfo?

It is probably now too late for her to acquire residences in other major Commonwealth countries, as she should have done in the early part of her reign. If Australia becomes a republic it will be largely her fault for allowing herself to be known there only as an occasional tourist. But it is not too late for her to vary her routine by entertaining Commonwealth and world personalities during most of the time she is at Sandringham or Balmoral.

By the same token, she must surely at last make the Royal Household better reflect her role, by giving it a more diverse character, socially and ethnically. It has changed very little since she came to the throne, being still drawn from the same very limited section of British society, and still, most regrettably, containing no black or brown faces.

The British monarchy is in a quite different category from, say, the Dutch or Scandinavian monarchies, because it is on a much vaster scale. But the Queen has to act accordingly. If she continues to behave, for too much of the time, in a parochial manner, the monarchy will become a merely parochial institution. And in that case Britain might prove a less secure base for it than is commonly assumed.

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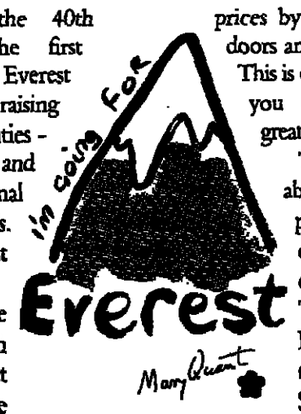
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Janet Daley



■ The Windsor Castle fire points to a failure to overcome deference to the monarchy and our heritage

As a metaphor for Britain, this one takes some beating. Windsor Castle, symbol of nationhood and monarchy, is a mortal danger to those who move within it. Merely inhabiting or visiting it puts life and limb at risk.

The conflagration which inspired so much fanciful speculation last year about divine wrath was, it transpires, an avoidable catastrophe. But avoiding it would have required unaesthetic standards of rationality: to install the fixtures of contemporary security in this ancient place would mean changes that would effectively destroy its historical character. Not unlike the British constitution, really.

We shall get no further on any of this if we do not come to grips with the central question, the linchpin of all of this country's perplexities. How much of our trouble (both with palaces and with the constitution) is a consequence of the tension between tradition and reform — or, to put it less pompously, nostalgia and realism — and how much a result of laziness, amateurism and incompetence, not to mention a fatal deference which comes into play whenever the monarchy is in the equation? There is a misguided assumption which says that only conspiracies are worth investigating, that cock-ups are morally simpler concatenations of events which have no logic and are therefore beyond analysis. But blunders — if, indeed, there were blunders at Windsor, rather than insoluble dilemmas — do not occur in a vacuum.

What was not done at Windsor by way of fire precautions, it can be argued, was left undone for only than one reason — because the government did not want to spend the money, say. This is regarded as the sole reason by Mr Roger Carter, who is chairman of the local county council environment committee. Mr Carter insists that the Queen and the royal household should be utterly free of responsibility for the fire and its costs, because they inherited "13 years of neglect" by the government's Property Services Agency.

You may perhaps feel that this phrase, "13 years of neglect", has a familiar political ring to it. And your suspicion would be confirmed by the discovery that Mr Carter is demanding the resignation of Mr Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, whom he blames personally not only for the PSA's failures but on grounds quite opposite to those for which everyone else attacks Mr Brooke. For while most of the nation was enraged by the minister's assumption that we would happily foot the bill for Windsor, Mr Carter castigates Mr Brooke for daring to suggest that the Queen should make any contribution at all.

I suggest, simply because it seems consistent with what I know about the rest of life, that the Windsor disaster was the result of a cocktail of causes, the ingredients of which can tell us a great deal about the state of Britain at the moment. The most straightforward of these is Crown immunity, the curious anomaly by which all the standards of public safety and hygiene enforced in the private sector may be ignored in government-run premises.

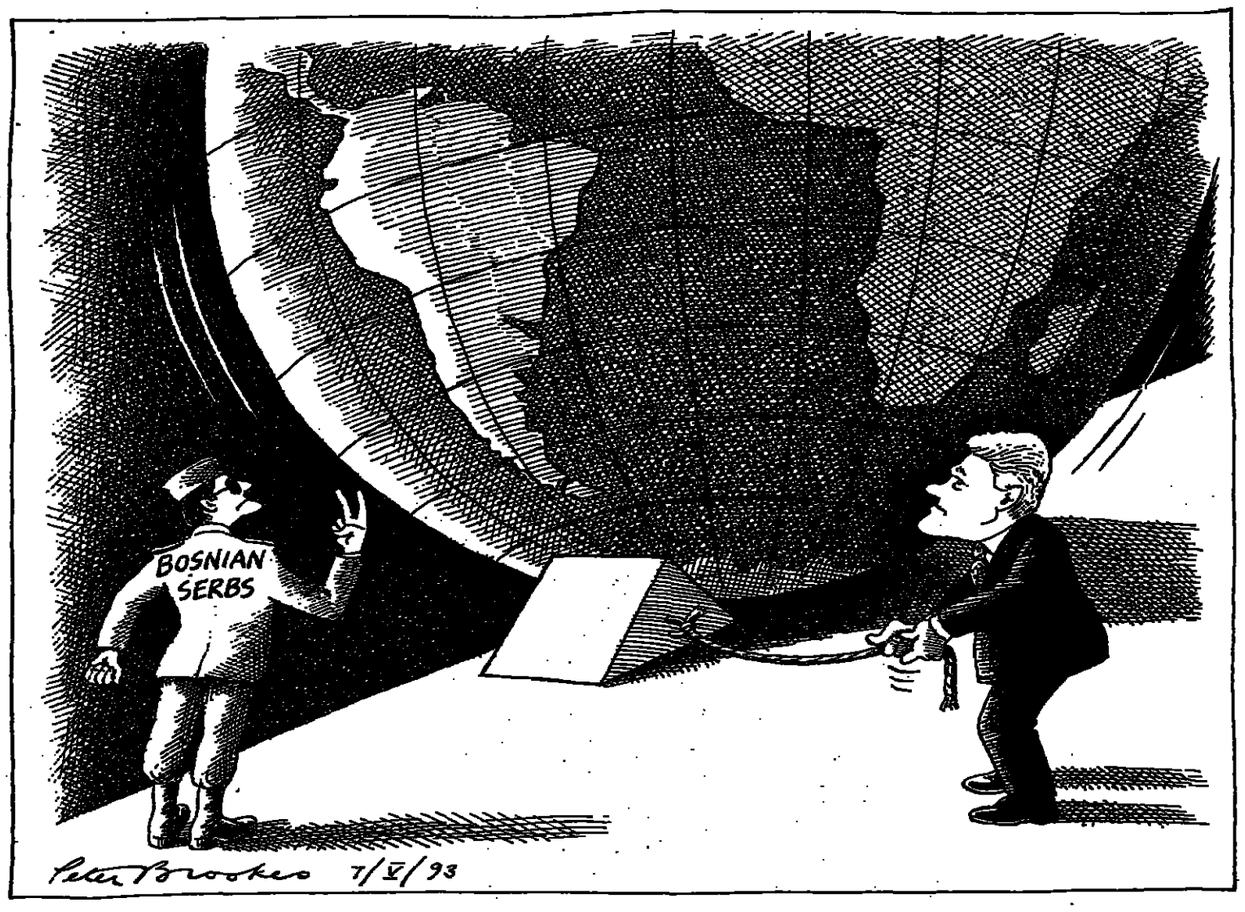
This condition of sublime transcendence is a perfect symbol for the lack of accountability of British public institutions, which give themselves unashamedly privileged status in law, and stay out of reach of just those accessible channels of communication which might have reformed them.

Another element in this web of misadventure was the real conflict between the potential damage that could be done by a possible fire, and the almost certain damage that would be done by the kind of fire prevention equipment which the stolid voices of practicality were recommending. Up-to-date devices for detecting smoke or increases in temperature are notoriously easy to trigger, as anyone who has stood too close to a domestic smoke-alarm while holding a cigarette will know. To have drenched fine paintings and panelled walls unnecessarily with a super-sensitive sprinkler system would have been an even more gratuitous tragedy than the one Windsor actually suffered. Many a fine old building has been architecturally ruined by the philistine insistence on fire doors and reinforced ceilings which are demanded by a modern sense of responsibility. The resistance to doing such things at Windsor may have proved culpable in the end but it was certainly understandable.

> The fire's causes tell a lot about the state of Britain

Harder to forgive is plain ignorance. Picture restorers working in the room where the fire began wasted crucial time by running past an emergency fire telephone which could have sent a direct alert. How is it that people who worked regularly in the palace did not have such basic knowledge? Are fire drills beneath the dignity of a royal entourage? To whom is the monarchy accountable for those things which it holds in the name of history?

All of which boils down to the same quandry: is the monarch a professional head of state from whom we can demand specific duties (such as safeguarding the treasures in her keeping), or is she a semi-divine figure who fulfils her function simply by existing? Answer that, and putting out the fires will be easy.



Love that stood the test

The reconsecration of a cathedral shows the indomitable religious spirit

Bernard Levin

Our peripatetic Pope has finally landed in Albania, albeit only on a one-day visit, where he found Mother Teresa, and blessed her. (Did *you* know that she was of Albanian stock? I certainly didn't.)

Albania, through the centuries, has generally had a bad press. Before the second world war it was ruled by a king with the easily remembered name of Zog, and that busted bullfrog Mussolini invaded it — his first and last military success, possibly achieved because Albania then had no armed forces to speak of. Mussolini's grand-daughter has been prancing about lately, saying that she is going to raise grand-daddy's standard and bring back fascism; I trust she is doing it for publicity in hope of a film career (she is certainly very pretty now, but to my eye it is the kind of Italian womanhood that rapidly goes to fat towards the mid thirties).

Anyway, she may not know — the family may have kept the information from her when she was growing up — that her grandfather, a creature as ludicrous as he was foul and more cowardly than both, ended hanging by the heels from a makeshift gallows after he had been shot; what gave the scene a memorable touch was that his genitals had been cut off and stuffed into his mouth.

It was not always so. In the 15th century, Albania had a great hero, Scanderbeg. He — er — broke with Islam and fought against the Turks for the rest of his life, though the Turks subjugated the country after his death and ruled it for nigh on 400 years. Then, from a little before the first world war to Musso's invasion, balkanisation raged at its most intense, and after 1945 the communists took over, led by Enver Hoxha.

Communists, indeed; the Albanian version was truly more Stalinist than Stalin. Hoxha denounced Khrushchev and all his successors, having already denounced Tito as a traitor to the cause; he would not even join the Warsaw Pact. But the image that remains with me came from what a man who had been there told me.

Albania has some 150 miles of coastline on the Adriatic, and the visitor saw a good deal of it. But wherever he went on Albania's seacoast he saw no ship, no boat, no water vessel of any kind, not so much as a dinghy, a canoe or child's paddleboat. Close your eyes for a moment and conjure up a sea, placid or turbulent, sunny or threatening, stretching for miles upon miles, without anything at all to be seen moving or movable on the water: such was the determination of communism's satraps that not even one of the helots would ever leave "their" country alive. For if even one left, it meant a dreadful charge: that Albanian communism was not perfect. (I presume there was very little opera in communist Albania, and even if there was much, the repertoire would hardly have included something as frivolous as *Cosi Fan Tutte*. But that was a bad mistake on the part of the rulers, because they could have made much of the fact that when the two men disguise themselves they disguise themselves *as Albanians*.)

But Albania has another claim on history, and this one has the power to banish all thoughts of tyrants, evil creeds and oppression. For when, centuries ago, this mountainous land was settled, it was called Illyria. Do you not thrill to the very word? If you don't, because you don't know what Illyria means, shame on you for not knowing what play, by what playwright, set his scene in *A City in Illyria, and the Sea-coast near it*.

"What country, friends, is this?"

"This is Illyria, lady."

"And what should I do in Illyria?

My brother he is in Elysium."

Why all this Albania business? Because Albania, above all the communist nations, even Romania, demonstrates the difference of that which is born and lives and dies, and that which lives for ever.

In all the Soviet empire, religion was harshly suppressed; to worship God meant running many risks. Amazingly — no, it wasn't amazing, was it? — millions willingly ran those risks; many died in prisons and concentration-camps for insisting that God lives. And, just as Albania was the most brutal colony of the Empire, so it was the most fanatically anti-religious as well.

All the communist nations repressed religion in one way or another. In some, such as Poland, the oppressors had to move cautiously against worship, and the Hungarians, when the post-revolution horrors had died down, smuggled in religion as well as freedom as they prised open every crack they could find in the rusting barriers.

But for Albania, Christianity, and for that matter any other religion, was a poisonous weed that must be pulled up and burned on a bonfire, and anyone attempting to cultivate even the tiniest shoot, in the most innocent window-box, was, if discovered, severely punished. The very possession of a Bible or other Christian documents meant great danger (as even today they still do in Saudi Arabia), and churches all over the country were pulled down, boarded up, or used for degrading secular purposes.

Yet Albania went further still. The country was solemnly declared an atheist state, in which no religious instruction, however amateur, would be tolerated, much less any formal religious services or rituals. Countless believers went to prison for their beliefs; their jobs and houses were taken from them, and it needed something like the courage and devotion of the martyrs to profess Christ in the atheist state.

Nor was this ban just an indication of the fear that religion could undermine their lifeless, crazy state. They *were* afraid of such infiltration, and rightly, because religion is the most powerful solvent in tyranny's body politic, but the Albanians would have crushed religion even if they had no fear of uprisings. These madmen truly believed, as witness their macabre attempt to legislate religion away, that by threats, by repression, by indoctrination, by confiscation, by denying access to the source of belief, by forbidding priests to practice, even by forbidding them to wear their priestly garments, they would drag God out of the minds and souls of the believers, and forbid Him to return.

Well, well, I haven't trotted out my favourite line of Horace for at least a year or two, and to my delight in this case I can trot it out upside down: to the fools who thought that they could shut God's mouth because they could shut the mouths of men, the poet says *Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret*, or, for the Latinless, "You may drive out nature with a pitchfork, yet she will always be running back".

Turn it the right way up: "You may drive out religion from a prison cell, but it will always get in through the bars." (And you don't have to be Boethius, either, though it is true that many died in Albanian communist servitude.)

And there, embracing Mother Teresa, was the Pope, on the very tarmac of Tirana Airport, and a great splash of crimson surrounded them — not, as it might have been a few years ago, from the beatings that the believers would have suffered for their faith, but from the cardinals of his Church who had come with him, while great numbers of Christians crowded round.

His tour was like a Roman emperor's (a modest Roman emperor, of course), but I would have given a great deal to have seen what happened next. The ridiculous atheist state (yes, a state can be ridiculous and evil at the same time — see my comments on Mussolini when I began) had turned the greatest Albanian cathedral into a sports arena. When the tyranny fell, the believers vowed to reconsecrate the cathedral, and they did. They threw out the reminders of the shameful past, they washed the whole of the building, inside and out, they painted over the slogans and the traces of the games, they fitted stained glass into the windows, and — oh, *how* I wish I had been there — they took down the massive scoreboard that had hung in the nave, and replaced it with the cross of Christ.

Tout lasse, tout passe, tout casse. Not quite, I think. In the hearts of the faithful of Albania, the years of hate and lies and treachery were no more than a moment; they knew, or their children would know, that the sports hall represented the ephemeral, but the cathedral represented eternity. How could it be otherwise?

When they abolished religion, didn't even one of them surreptitiously keep a Bible? If he had, he would sooner or later have read about the man who built his home on a rock and the man who built his home on sand. Come to think of it, if he had browsed a little further he would have come upon the story of David and Goliath.

Now for a short sharp war

Roger Boyes says we must fight for Europe's integrity

Diplomacy has been exhausted in the Balkans. It is time for Western generals to don their helmets, for the decision of the Bosnian Serb sham parliament to throw out the Vance-Owen plan is tantamount to a declaration of war. The Bosnian Serbs were given a political ultimatum: now they should pay the military consequences of rejection.

As Warren Christopher toured Western Europe this week, his hosts rehearsed the full range of non-military options. All look distinctly anaemic when set against the stubbornness of the deputies in Pale. Tightening sanctions even further? The political logic — that sanctions squeeze Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, who in turn squeezes the Bosnian Serbs — has collapsed. Playing Serbian politics is a thankless mission: the West has tried it before and flopped. Another choice — simply to get out of Bosnia and the Balkans — is no longer feasible. Withdrawal now would not only be deserting hundreds of thousands of suffering people, but also abandoning European responsibility. This war has become a defining issue for the new Europe. If we disown it, we are saying that Europe ends where the poverty and turmoil of the Balkans begins.

The generals who complain that they need clear political directions are right in a narrow military sense: the army must know, in order to plan operations, how long it is required to stay in the war zone, what it is expected to achieve and how the politicians propose to disentangle them eventually from the Balkans. But in the broader context, the military mission is plain: it is to defend an idea of Europe in which the prosperous and stable West takes some responsibility for the disintegrating East. This does not require a giant leap towards a common European defence policy, but it does mean identifying a common European security problem. This, far more than the coconut-shy antics of Maastricht ratification, is what matters for Europe.

War it is then: a just war; a European war. To cling on to Western credibility, there are only two sensible military options. The first is to ignore the Bosnian Serb parliament. The signature of Dr Radovan Karadzic must not be treated as conditional. The ink is dry, the plan is in force. The small print of the Vance-Owen plan is very precise about what should be happening next. Once the United Nations approves, a ceasefire should take effect within 72 hours. UN forces are then to start moving in. Within five days, heavy weapons are to be withdrawn from around Sarajevo and other besieged cities. Then within 15 days, all heavy weapons in Bosnia are meant to be under UN supervision.

It does not need a force of 70,000 soldiers to carry out this initial phase of the mission; that number is needed only to police the Vance-Owen map in the long term. The initial disarmament can be supervised by a force of 20,000.

The second option is air bombardment of Serbian positions within Bosnia. This, as Mr Christopher is making clear, is still the Americans' preference. Britain and France have their reservations, since such aerial attacks might end up as merely punitive. Air strikes would concentrate on supply links between the Bosnian Serbs and the Serbian motherland, but there might also be political targets, including Bosnian Serb headquarters in Banja Luka and Pale.

The Russians clearly prefer the first option, and have accordingly offered troops to help police the Vance-Owen map. How the Russians would react to American or Nato air strikes is a mystery, probably to the Russians themselves. The strategy of air strikes has been devised to avoid deployment of US ground troops, but it is a more powerful and sensible alternative than doing nothing, doing little or getting out.

Over the past week, Mr Christopher has been trying to put together a war coalition. He has found it difficult, but in any case he is missing the point. The coalition that counts is not between Western Europe and the United States: once President Clinton has made up his mind, the Europeans will fall into line. The coalition that counts is one between the generals and the propagandists. The generals and their political commanders must stop dithering and put their forces on alert. And the propagandists must devise a way to depict the war as a success from the very beginning. That was the formula applied to the Gulf war, and with a president so sensitive to the views of the Vietnam generation, it is particularly crucial now.

Whichever military strategy is chosen, a priority must be to liberate Sarajevo from its long siege, which has become the shame of Europe. With air power or a determined combat force, this can easily be achieved. Every subsequent mission should be justified in terms of civilian lives saved, rather than Serbian soldiers killed. There can be no better starting point for a just war.

Peckadilloes

SO, Asil Nadir may not be quite the heritage vandal he has been made out to be. Those who moan that he turned Baggrave Hall into a Leicestershire version of Southfork might like to bear in mind that, had it not been for Polly Peck, several of the nation's finest stately homes might now be gracing the time-share brochures.

Not, it should be said, that Nadir ever intervened personally, but in its 1980s heyday, Polly Peck was one of the National Heritage Memorial Fund's most lucrative investments. Lord Charteris, chairman of the trustees from 1980 to 1992, estimates the fund made about £5 million from its stake in the fruit importing company.

The fund, set up in 1980 with a £12 million lump sum to protect Britain's heritage, is the only government-funded body allowed to speculate on the stock market with its government grant. Its right to do this is enshrined in the 1980 National Heritage Act.

Charteris says: "We got out just in time, didn't we? We were very excited by Polly Peck. It was just what we wanted. We made a nice profit out of it — I remember saying we paid for the whole of Belton House in Lincolnshire out of it."

Dr Brian Lang, secretary of the fund from 1980 to 1987 and now chief executive of the British Library, prefers to spread the Polly Peck effect. "It went some way towards saving the nation's heritage — Nostell Priory in Yorkshire, Canons Ashby House in Northamptonshire, Fyvie Castle in Scotland, Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire and Belton were all helped by Polly Peck. Its memory has become tarnished. But at the time we looked at it through stained-glass spectacles."

● *The commander of British forces in Bosnia, Lt Col Bob Stewart, may have become a media star back home, but his telegenic abilities have gone down less well with some of his fellow officers. With the Cheshires preparing for home, this version of Bosnia Bob style peacekeeping was doing the rounds of the Vitez mess: "Right men. I'm going out on patrol this morning. I'll want the BBC up front, the national press close behind and the news agencies bringing up the rear. Oh, and any military vehicles wanting to tag along . . ."*

Names would not disagree with that. "It's the most unfeeling thing," says one. "It's rather like hyenas scavenging on the carcasses of beached whales."

● *Before John Major made his defiant declaration at question time yesterday that the Maastricht treaty would be ratified without the social chapter, he should perhaps have consulted his favourite author, Trollope, and specifically* Dr Thorne, *which Trollope penned in 1858. There he would have found the cautionary line: "Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May."*

Hammering them

SOTHEBY'S may not score full marks for sensitivity, but it should be given credit for persistence. Once again, it has approached all beleaguered names at Lloyd's to remind them of its services.

Last year's circular, which simply informed names of certain auction dates, caused outrage in the insurance market. This year's could spark more ire, coming just a week after the market announced losses of some £2.5 billion.

Among many things, Sotheby's is offering names a 40 per cent discount on sales commission, and is prepared to give loans secured against works of art. "It's a rather different approach we're taking this year," says Tim Llewelyn, deputy chairman. "I believe we have struck the right note."

Hearings aid

HAVING been humiliated at the Commons' select committee hearing into compact disc prices, the officials from the British Phonographic Industry have struck back at committee chairman Gerald Kaufman. A letter of complaint has been sent to Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons.

The letter, written by John Deacon, the director-general of the BPI, describes the hearing as a "shambles": "The hearing was characterised by constant interruptions and interventions by Gerald Kaufman. We can understand that he has every right to ask reasonable questions. But he has a duty to come to the issue with an open mind and give us a fair hearing. This he clearly has not done."

The complaint, which is highly unusual according to Newton's office, is unlikely to have much effect on an unrepentant Kaufman. Perhaps the BPI could seek revenge by making a CD of Kaufman's performance. To file under rant rather than rap, presumably.

Saddling up

JOSS HANBURY, the man who sold Nadir his splendid Leicestershire mansion Burley-on-the-Hill for £7 million, appears to be enjoying something of a rehabilitation.

Hanbury has just been elected a committee member of the Quorn, Prince Charles's favourite hunt, from which he was suspended as master last year.

Hanbury remains suspended by the Master of Foxhounds Association until May 1995, following an incident in which an anti-hunt protester managed to video breaches of rules. But being voted onto the committee means that he is on his way back. "It's as if he lost his driving licence and is now back in the passenger seat," says Michael Hemphrey, honorary secretary of the hunt. But then there's nothing worse than a back-seat Master.



● *Aside from the missing novelists, there was one notable absentee from the Best of Young British Novelists party in London on Wednesday — Desmond Clarke, who, as director of the Book Marketing Council in 1983, conceived the idea and launched the first list. From Andover, where he is managing director of International Thomson Publishing Services, he moans: "They've handed it over to a PR company. We did it on a budget of £15,000. We believed in it and made it fun. The whole thing has become mechanical and formulaic." Or is that just young British novelists for you?*

NO IS NOT AN ANSWER

The Bosnian Serbs can be compelled to see reason

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, maintains that yesterday morning's vote in Pale by his self-styled parliament does not amount to rejection of the Vance-Owen plan. This is nonsense, and Dr Karadzic knows it: the only choice was between unconditional endorsement of the plan and further sanctions, military this time. The vote was tantamount to declaring war on the international community. The proposed Bosnian Serb referendum on May 15-16 is an irrelevant ploy. It would be a poll without electoral rolls, on territory which has been taken by force, whose results would be impossible to verify. Dr Karadzic can be under no illusion that its verdict will have any validity, even if it takes place.

The Bosnian Serb military commander, Ratko Mladic, whose late intervention in favour of continued defiance was critical, plainly expects American air strikes to follow. The Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic and Dobrica Cosic, president of the rump Yugoslavia, excoriated the assembly for "the worst, most disastrous decision". Dr Karadzic's latest exercise in semantics, the main aim of which was probably to avoid carrying out his promise to resign, has only one virtue: his signature last Sunday in Athens remains, by his own admission, valid. That signature is enough.

Nato should continue, with maximum publicity, its military preparations to implement the Vance-Owen plan: there is no question of returning to the negotiating table. The UN Security Council should set the earliest possible date compatible with these preparations for starting the countdown to deployment of the international force. To the south, in Macedonia, the UN military presence should be reinforced immediately. This is a necessary safeguard against Serbian moves south once fighting is halted in Bosnia. It can most easily be done before deployment in Bosnia sets logistical priorities, and will reinforce the message that further Serbian military adventures will not be tolerated. But fighting in Bosnia is likely to escalate between now and Nato's arrival. Unless all Bosnian Serb military activity ceases, airstrikes will be needed and are likely to include targets in Serbia proper.

Mr Milosevic said after the vote that the Bosnian Serbs had, like "drunken poker players" thrown away their gains. That comment, which implies that he advocated acceptance in the cynical belief that the Bosnian Serbs could fend off outside military intervention by voting for the plan and could then cling to their conquests, fully justifies continuing to tighten sanctions against Serbia. Mr Milosevic inspired the war in Bosnia and claims to want to stop it. He also wants to avoid air attacks against Serbia itself. He has lost the first political battle with the Bosnian Serbs' assembly, but he has plenty of unused leverage.

He now seems prepared to use it. The Bosnian Serbs' war effort is heavily dependent on Serbia's material support. Belgrade has never admitted to providing military equipment but has certainly done so, and the rump Yugoslav army has supported Bosnian Serb attacks from Serb territory. Yesterday's decision by the Serbian cabinet to stop supplies of "money, fuel, raw materials, etc", permitting only humanitarian supplies, is an important advance. But the fighters rely heavily on food, too.

Russia and Western governments should now demand, as Lord Owen recommends, the total sealing of the borders between the Serbian-Montenegrin federation and Bosnia-Herzegovina, permitting only UN humanitarian convoys for civilians to cross. An effective quarantine will require large numbers of armed manpower. Mr Milosevic should be asked to supply troops from the rump Yugoslav army, to be accompanied by UN military observers. Otherwise, airstrikes must do the job.

That option should, for the moment, be kept in reserve. The American military believes that token "demonstration" strikes would be worse than useless: unlikely to stop Bosnian Serb troops following up with fierce retaliation on the ground, and likely to lead to the moving of artillery and mortars to densely populated areas. The most likely use of airpower would therefore be a simultaneous attack on many military targets, using enormous power. The immediate priority is to activate the Vance-Owen plan. Other options should be seen as means to this end.

TESTING SUMMER

Attack is now the education secretary's best form of defence

Presentation matters as much in public policy as it does in the classroom. In the row over this' summer's national curriculum tests, the government has failed lamentably to make its case against critics. This week, education ministers have once again been caught napping by the resignation of two senior conservative educationists from the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC). Five years after its creation, the national curriculum is under fire from all sides, and is in need of protection.

This week's resignations have sealed the unlikely alliance of left and right against John Patten, the education secretary. The teaching unions are planning to boycott the tests which they argue are a pointless drain on schools' time and resources. Meanwhile, Lord Skidelsky and John Marenbon have resigned from SEAC on the grounds that the forthcoming review of the national curriculum has been inadequately planned. Both are traditionalists who support testing but are unconvinced that Sir Ron Dearing's enquiry will be more than cosmetic. Parents and pupils must wonder what this bewildering trench warfare has to do with them, and how ministers propose to restore order.

Ths history of SEAC itself has been inglorious, marred by leaks, quarrels with the National Curriculum Council, and administrative mishaps. The childish struggle between the different factions within the council was always likely to end in resignations. But advisers advise: ministers decide. Ministers must now assume responsibility.

However effective the teachers' boycott turns out to be, Mr Patten should not be tempted to call off this summer's examinations, which will be of value to those pupils that sit them and help Sir Ron with his syllabus review. Heads and governors are still legally obliged to implement the national curriculum and tests, and should not be released from that obligation simply because the teaching unions are intransigent. Nonethless, the education secretary's priority must now be strategic rather than tactical: to restore the credibility of the national curriculum and the authority of his own office.

This means that Sir Ron's enquiry into the national curriculum must get it right. He has been instructed to deliver his preliminary recommendations in time for the new school year: a daunting deadline, given the scale of the task. Mr Patten is right that the review cannot be postponed. Equally, Sir Ron and his staff at the new Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority must see that the review produces a first-rate syllabus.

Mr Patten must also ensure that next year's tests are less vulnerable to disruption. A national curriculum is pointless unless it has an iron-clad legal basis which cannot be subverted by the whim of teaching union conferences. The law will probably have to be amended to prevent repetition of this year's fiasco. But such a change will not quell parents' anxieties unless it is accompanied by better presentation of the case for the national curriculum and testing.

In recent statements on the Criminal Justice Act, the home secretary struck the balance between a recognition that mistakes had been made and a determination to preserve the best of the new system. That is the right attitude for a government which aspires to radicalism; it should be a lesson to his colleagues at the education department.

OUR MAN IN THE DOGHOUSE

Consuls earn nothing but brickbats from Britons abroad

Pity the poor consul. A lone representative of Her Majesty's government in grimy industrial provinces, steamy African jungles or the wilder Mediterranean shores of the lager louts, he has none of the diplomat's cachet or perks and all of the messy jobs. He visits drug smugglers awaiting trial, telephones Britain with messages of death and distress, rescues the victims of fly-by-night travel companies and local robbers. And all he gets is brickbats. Where was "our man" when the tourist ran into trouble? Why did he not provide a lawyer for the heroin smuggler? What is the Foreign Office doing to arrange bail?

No Briton was ever rightly imprisoned in a foreign jail. That maxim runs through every tabloid account of the nice local lad picked up on the Costa Brava or in the Bangkok strip joint. No matter that when blind drunk he got into a fight over the local girls, smashed up the bar and punched the policeman; it was only high spirits, and the Spaniards or Thais have no right to hold him. Moreover, it is the duty of every consul in every remote city to arrive at once, pockets bulging with money and airline tickets, command the release of Her Majesty's unfortunate subject and spirit him away from the scene of the accident/fight/crash.

Why should the taxpayer rescue the uninsured tourist? How often do warnings have to be given that some countries are dangerous, and that drug smugglers risk life sentences or death after trials not always based on Roman law? Every year about 3,000 Britons find themselves in prison overseas. The numbers fluctuate, and at present Spain appears to be holding rather more than normal. Drugs, theft and drunkenness are the usual causes.

In many countries, including Spain, justice runs too often on the mañana principle. To accuse the Foreign Office of indifference however is unfair. Consuls, and more importantly honorary consuls — those Anglophile pillars of their community whose voluntary services to Britain are too often taken for granted — meet regularly to see how small resources can be stretched and future brawls prevented. The consular service is a likely victim of the coming Foreign Office cuts. This is a classic case for pooled European Community diplomacy. The Briton imprisoned in Ecuador may find that it is a Spaniard who comes to see him, the stranded tourist in Turkey may have to call on the Germans for help. And what will the tabloid readers make of that?

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Taking the social chapter seriously

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, In retrospect, it is a pity we never took the social chapter seriously. When we signed the Treaty of Rome 20 years ago we accepted in principle the freedom of movement of people. It was always likely, sooner or later, that the pressures would intensify to bring labour laws into line throughout Europe.

By pretending the problem did not exist successive governments have missed the great opportunity of persuading our partners to accept our approach of free market flexibility rather than theirs. In the light of Europe's fading competitiveness compared with the USA, Japan and the Pacific rim, driving up employment costs is a bad idea not just for the UK but for the whole of industrial Europe. Yet who is listening to Britain now?

We stayed on the sidelines on this matter to appease our Euro-rebels, a ploy which patently has not worked. Meanwhile our opt-out has been presented as Britain stealing a march on its neighbours. That may sound smart on this side of the Channel but is seen as insulting and contradictory over there — since the whole idea of the Community is that nation states should co-operate, not compete, with each other.

British governments, and British civil servants, must start thinking and talking European, albeit belatedly. Perhaps that is already happening in the worst possible way. We are in danger now, it appears, of signing up on paper to something with which we do not agree, on the grounds that it will be perfectly acceptable to ignore it in future: exactly the sort of perfidious behaviour in our partner countries which we have always despised.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
May 5.

From Mr E. K. Faridany

Sir, As the arguments over Maastricht and the manoeuvrings of our elected representatives get more labyrinthine by the day, was there ever a time within living memory when the daily deliberations of the House were more removed from, or less relevant to, the man on the Clapham omnibus, or anywhere else?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD FARIDANY,
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Rushlake Green,
Heathfield, East Sussex.
May 6.

Fury at farm forms

From Lord Moran

Sir, In the House of Lords today the government refused to extend the May 15 deadline for the submission of forms under the EC's new scheme for claiming agricultural subsidies, Iacs (Integrated Administration and Control System).

In the case of Welsh farmers the overworked agricultural department of the Welsh Office has been very helpful, as has the Ordnance Survey in providing the grid references and field areas needed for claims; but the task is still daunting. It may have been embarrassment at the limited time given to hard-pressed Welsh farmers — many in the throes of lambing — to complete this fearsomely complicated, expensive and time-consuming exercise that led the Welsh secretary to put no date on the letter he sent them early in April.

It is clearly important to prevent possible fraud, but was it really necessary to use the threatening language on pages 39 to 43 of the booklet setting out the EC rules, detailing "penalties", "other penalties", "additional penalties", "inaccuracies in areas declared" and in "livestock numbers", "serious negligence" and "false declarations", and to warn that aerial photographs or satellite imagery might be used to check on returns?

If the government has this degree of suspicion and distrust of our farmers would it be fanciful for farmers by the same token to consider possible fraud and negligence by Community governments and to suggest, for example, that EC agriculture ministers might be ear-tagged to prevent them drawing their salaries twice?

Yours faithfully,
MORAN,
House of Lords.
May 5.

Light and dark

From Mrs Ivy Dowling

Sir, The arrogance and insensitivity of John Major and his colleagues were strikingly illustrated by the juxtaposed headlines (April 27, section 2, later editions): "Recession is declared officially at end", and directly below, "2,000 miners to lose their jobs this week".

Maybe the miners will "officially" celebrate the end of the recession as they join the ranks of the other three million unemployed.

Yours faithfully,
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Wokingham,
Berkshire.
April 28.

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Euthanasia and doctors' dilemma

From the Reverend C. G. Stables

Sir, Ronald Dworkin's euthanasia article (April 27) was thoughtful but the aspect that gets too little attention is the effect on the position of the doctors involved. Usually, when a doctor visits a patient, he makes a diagnosis, writes a prescription and departs. Almost at once the patient begins to feel a little better, confident that the doctor's only concern is to get him well. The moment euthanasia is officially made possible that confidence will disappear.

Both my parents died of cancer, and my mother lingered for a long time. Our excellent doctor many years ago, when there were not so many pain-killers, said to me: "I do not agree with euthanasia and I will have nothing to do with it. But if, in order to keep a patient reasonably comfortable, I have to take a chance with a bigger dose, I shall take that chance."

I can live happily with that assurance.

I am, Sir, yours,
COURTLEY STABLES,
Abotslare, Pound Green,
Buxted, East Sussex.
April 27.

From Dr J. H. Scotson

Sir, The headline of Ronald Dworkin's article asks: "When can a doctor kill?" There is one answer compatible with the practice of civilised medicine — never.

On a matter of such fundamental principle there can never be any compromise. Allow a doctor to kill and we repeat what happened in the killing camps of Nazi Germany. We have already killed more than three million unborn babies since the passing of the Abortion Act. Let us surmise what could happen if euthanasia is legalised.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. SCOTSON,
119 Park Road, Timperley, Cheshire.
April 28.

From Mrs Patricia Butt

Sir, It seems to me that the premise that an early foetus cannot have interests of its own because it does not have sentience is faulty. If allowed to develop, it most certainly soon will have sentience.

Why should sentience be the arbiter of "personhood"? Surely the fact that the foetus is already a unique entity of genetic material with the amazing potential of becoming a unique person is the real criterion in determining whether it has rights.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA BUTT,
36 Avonside, Mill Lane,
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.
April 27.

From Mr John H. Deam

Sir, Ronald Dworkin's article is marred: by reference to cases of deformed offspring, those conceived after rape and those whose birth would endanger the mother's life, attention is diverted from the fact that the vast majority of abortions destroy healthy offspring to whom those considerations do not apply.

The human being's development from conception is a continuous process in which birth is an important stage, and the argument that the destruction of an unborn child is morally defensible before sentience has developed could, with little extension, be used to defend the killing of any anaesthetised person.

Yours sincerely,
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94 Northover Road,
Westbury on Trym, Bristol, Avon.
April 27.

From Mr J. M. Gate

Sir, Twenty-five years after the Abortion Act there appears to be a consensus about how it should be applied. This does not apply to euthanasia, although there are signs that ideas may be changing.

Perhaps it is time for the expression of clear political and legal opinions about the right to die naturally. The ability to keep alive indefinitely many thousands who should die (and who would wish to die if they had retained their competence to decide) poses serious problems for doctors. They are often unable to do what they know to be right because of fear of the law. This fear should be removed by changing the law.

The argument is not advocating euthanasia but just the fundamental right of self-determination. More publicity about "advance directives" or "living wills" would be a valuable first step.

Yours faithfully,
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Banbury, Oxfordshire.
April 28.

Hospital league tables

From Mr A. C. Broughton and others

Sir, As the consultant surgeons who originated the statistics, we wish to refute the Health Department figures relating to deaths at Pontefract General Infirmary, reported by you on April 27 and 28. We also wish to raise an issue of more general concern.

During the year 1990-1 Pontefract's department of general surgery cared for a total of 4,113 patients, of whom 2,790 underwent operations. Within the age range of 16-64 years there were 21 deaths, not 32 as recorded in the Health Department figures. Sixteen of these patients died from cancer, of whom four underwent an operation; of the other five, all but one suffered from vascular insufficiency, and three underwent a surgical procedure.

Thus the total number of deaths after an operation was seven, not nine as you reported on April 28. As we had no hospice facilities within the area we were, and still are, committed to caring for all patients referred to us.

The weighted projected number of deaths in the age range 16-64 in Pontefract in the year 1990-1 was 16.57. In fact, we had 21 deaths, which would give a rating of 127 (on a base figure of 100), not 195 as indicated in your league table: and on the basis of the seven actual deaths after surgery Pontefract's rating would be 42.

The magnitude of such statistical discrepancies concerns us greatly, not only as regards Pontefract but as regards all the other hospitals in the table to which similar errors may apply. We believe it to be imperative that the source of the error be identified and corrected in order to repair the damage done to patients' trust in the medical and nursing staff of hospitals throughout the land.

Yours sincerely,
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April 29.

Law made easier

From Mr G. E. Gammie, QC

Sir, Sir George Engle argues for publication of notes on sections of acts of Parliament, so that the intention underlying their words could be generally available (letters, April 21, May 4).

In the former Ministry of Housing and Local Government, later absorbed into the Department of the Environment, we (meaning those workers who instructed parliamentary counsel and briefed ministers on the product) took great care over notes on clauses. While these were primarily for ministers and others to whom they were made available, we knew that our successors would readily turn to them for elucidation. So we tried to anticipate all likely questions and to provide all necessary background.

The Local Government Act 1972 contained in its 449 pages a number of general empowering provisions, which either were an advance on or a codification of existing law. Some of these have been the subject of litigation; and so far as I know the results have been those intended.

Some local authorities and banks relied on those provisions for certain complex financial transactions. Had they been able to refer to notes on sections they might have hesitated. They could still have gone to counsel for an opinion and counsel could still have advised that the notes were wrong or inconclusive. As it was, many millions of pounds evaporated.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. GAMMIE,
52 Sutton Lane,
Banstead, Surrey.
May 4.

Degrees of difference

From Mr William Duncan Parker

Sir, In your report of May 4 on the distribution between the sexes of first-class degrees at Cambridge you say that the reason for the relative lack of success of women students remains a mystery.

It may interest your readers to know that last year the chemistry department at University College London achieved seven firsts, all of them women.

To complete the picture, I would mention that in my year, 1939, the department obtained ten firsts; they, too, were all of the same sex, but in that case they were men, not women.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM DUNCAN PARKER,
41 Coolhurst Road,
Crouch End, N8.
May 4.

Dangerous pursuits

From Mr Martin Knapp

Sir, Like Libby Purves ("Siding with the morris men, May 3) I, too, have always attributed the quotation about "incest and folk-dancing" to Sir Arnold Bax, supposing him to have originated the advice to try everything once except these two pursuits.

More than one dictionary of quotations has supported this belief. However *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, under Anon, quotes Sir Arthur as attributing the words to "a sympathetic Scot". It is difficult for anybody who has attended a Highlands ceilidh to understand why a Scot should object to folk-dancing. Incest is, of course, another matter.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN KNAPP,
Brooking Barn, Ashprington,
Totnes, Devon.

A proper place for the good news

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, I think it is a mistake for media colleagues of Martyn Lewis to criticise his comments (Media, April 28) that "Good News stories ... are demoted or dropped if there is any pressure on time or space". It does not seem to me that Lewis is calling for news bulletins that begin with "The world is at peace today and the daffodils are growing", but for a much more sensible balance of judgment when news is included in or excluded from a bulletin which is, admittedly, limited in time.

Newspapers clearly have space to play with and are not quite as susceptible as broadcasting to the temptations to feature only bad news, which is more, in their terms, newsworthy.

Last year I pressed the BBC news authorities to cover a story in Belfast about retailers throwing a street party for 5,000 children of all Christian communities. I was told that it did not have enough news value: this despite the fact that the BBC were that very day carrying news of yet another bomb.

A bomb in Northern Ireland is a regular phenomenon. A major celebration in that province, with people trying to overcome their difficulties and differences, certainly was news.

For Peter Sissons to say (report, April 29) that "it is not our job to go in for social engineering" is to distort the issue. Every time a news editor makes a judgment about what to include or exclude some sort of engineering takes place. It is not incumbent upon the editor to concentrate on the bad at the expense of the good.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY HYMAN,
4 Priory View,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.
May 4.

From Mrs M. Piper

Sir, Wing Commander Dauncey (letter, April 30) might be surprised to know that when my relatives come up here from Buckinghamshire they groan about the "murder and mayhem" on *Midlands Today* on BBC TV.

Yours faithfully,
MAUREEN PIPER,
Brookend House,
Longdon, Rugeley, Staffordshire.

From the Editor of The Observer

Sir, On the very day that I complained about the patronising comments I am having to bear about *The Observer* (letter, May 3) Lord Rees-Mogg produced such a stunning example of the genre that I had to check that the date on the newspaper was 1993, not 1793.

He accused me, *inter alia*, of failing to be "an aristocrat". This is undeniably true: I confess it: my childhood path was lit by the glow of miners' lamps rather than the sheen of baronial silver. Had it been otherwise, who knows? I might have become a lacklustre editor of *The Times* instead.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD TRELFORD,
Editor,
The Observer,
Chelsea Bridge House,
Queenstown Road, SW8.
May 5.

Royal prayers

From Mrs Jennifer Miller

Sir, As an Anglican I am ashamed to learn from Ruth Gledhill's most interesting "At your service" articles of April 3 and 17 that both Jewish and Russian Orthodox services include prayers for the royal family, when this time-honoured practice is now largely omitted by the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER MILLER,
2 Heathview Gardens,
Putney, SW15.

Capital Candia

From Mrs Candia Gladstone

Sir, So Julie Burchill thinks the name Candia is for dyslexic Clinton bimbos (article, May 3). Persons from punk musical journalism would not perhaps know that it was the name for the island of Crete, and its capital city, until early this century. It has been used in my family since the 17th century, when an ancestor had business in the Mediterranean (not, so far as I know, involving trade in bimbos).

Yours etc,
CANDIA GLADSTONE,
Levington Hall, Levington,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
May 3.

A vote for school

From Frances Boxer

Sir, My school is being used for a polling station today. Why can't it be on a Saturday or Sunday so I can go to school in the week?

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES BOXER (aged 7),
12 Arlington Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
May 6.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 6: His Excellency Mr Junus Habibie was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Indonesia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Jack Said Gaffar (Minister Counsellor), Mr Arizal Effendi (Minister Counsellor), Mrs Hendrati Munthe (Counsellor), Mr Karso Popon (Counsellor), Mr Djoko Hardono (First Secretary), Mr Richard Simbolon (First Secretary), Colonel Johny Mandas (Defence Attaché) and Mr Sulaeman Sulaeman (Attaché).

Mrs Habibie was also received by Their Royal Highnesses.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by His Excellency Mr John Field (High Commissioner in Colombo) at the State Funeral of His Excellency Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa (President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka) which was held at Independence Square, Colombo, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 6: The Princess Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning attended the Lessons in Crime Prevention Conference on the role of Secondary Schools in Tackling Crime by and against Young People, the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Cranfield Trust, this afternoon attended a Conference on the Management Problems of Small-Medium Sized Charities, IBM Marketing Centre, 76 Upper Ground, London SE1, and was received by the Mayor of Southwark (Councillor Mrs Mary Ellery).

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this evening attended the University of London Union's Honorary Life Membership and Laurels Ceremony, Malet Street, London WC1.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a Service in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans to mark the Re-Hallowing of the Shrine.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 6: The Prince of Wales, President, Royal College of Music, this morning received Mr Leopold de Rothschild.

His Royal Highness, Patron, National Gallery Trust, this evening attended a Dinner to mark the re-opening of the Central Hall, the National Gallery, London WC2.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 6: The Princess of Wales today visited Birmingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited a local Drugs Prevention Team Project, Wallace Lawler Centre, Newtown, Aston.

The Princess of Wales later opened Victoria Square, Birmingham City Centre. Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Foundation for Conductive Education, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to celebrate the charity's fifth Anniversary, the Metropole Hotel.

Finally, the Princess of Wales opened the Jewish Welfare Board's Old People's Home, Stirchley.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, this evening attended the Royal Caledonian Ball at Grosvenor House, in aid of the Royal Caledonian Schools.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 6: The Duke of Gloucester presented the 1992 Restoration Awards for the Sand and Gravel Association at a Luncheon at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the Design and Technology Centre at Warwick Park School, Peckham Road, London SE15.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 6: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, this morning visited Royal Air Force Leuchars, St Andrew's, Fife, Scotland.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops Annual Floral Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, Savoy Place, London SW1, and was met on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Dr Cyril Nemeth).

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Inaugural Sir Robert Watson-Watt Lecture and Dinner at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
May 6: Princess Alexandra, President, this afternoon attended the Annual General Court of the Royal Humane Society at Haberdashers' Hall, London EC3.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, this evening attended a Concert in aid of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

May 4: Princess Alexandra visited Northern Ireland and was received by Mr Jeremy Hanley MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

Her Royal Highness opened new sheltered accomodation for Fold Housing Association at Loughview Fold, Holywood and, subsequently, as Patron of Cystic Fibrosis Trust, attended a reception for members of the Northern Ireland branch at Hillsborough Castle, County Down.

Finally Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, visited the 1st Battalion of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment at Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry.

The Lady Mary Mumford and Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier were in attendance.

Dinners

Royal Aeronautical Society
The Duke of Kent was the guest of honour at a dinner given last night by the Royal Aeronautical Society at 4 Hamilton Place. Earlier, Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, president, presented the Duke of Kent with an honorary fellowship of the society and delivered the inaugural Sir Robert Watson-Watt lecture. Amongst those present were:
Lady Holroyd, Mr and Mrs J Holroyd, Mr and Mrs M Holroyd, Mr and Mrs G Julius, Mr and Mrs P M Down, Mr and Mrs J Holt, Mr and Mrs R J Kennett, Dr and Mrs A Rodge, Miss Helen Sharman and Mr and Mrs R Wignall.

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of the London Community Cricket Association. The guests were:
Mr Ronald Gerard (president of the association) and Mrs Gerard, Mr Christopher Winn (chairman), Mr and Mrs Basil Sellers, Mr David Simon, Mr Stewart Steven, Mr Michael Barnett, Mr and Mrs Philip Lait, Captain and Mrs Anthony Swainson, Mr and Mrs Bernard Berrick, Mr Raphael Djanogly, Miss Jean Ratcliff, Mr and Mrs Joseph Cooper, Mr and Mrs David Lodge, Dr and Mrs John Tanner, Mr and Mrs Ron Sams, Mr and Mrs John Parker, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Cutts, Mr and Mrs Bernard Norgan, Colonel and Mrs Patrick Shervington, Mr and Mrs Peter Hall, Mr and Mrs Robert Feld, Mr Reg Scarlett, Mr Nicholas Cullen, Mr Peter Grant, Mr John Smith, Mr and Mrs Anthony Howitt, Mr and Mrs Barry Barnes, Mr and Mrs Michael Murray, Mrs Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, Mr John Reeve, Mr Michael Nixon, Mr Doug Norris, Mr David Tallon, Mr Graham Pye, Mr and Mrs Roger Oakley, Mr and Mrs Colin Watkins, Mr and Mrs Timothy Smith, Mr and Mrs Peter Handley, Mr and Mrs Colin Stride, Ms Jenny Wostrack and Mr Mark Adams.

Insurers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a livery dinner of the Insurers' Company held last night at Guildhall. Mr John S. Greig, Master, was host. Among others present were:
Sir David and Lady Walker, Mr Sheriff and Mrs Anthony Moss, the Chairman of Lloyd's, the President of the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Masters of the Carpenters', Coopers', Gardeners' and Chartered Surveyors' Companies and the Officers Commanding C Squadron Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry and the 265 (KCLY) Signal Squadron and their ladies.

Lincoln's Inn
The Lord Chief Justice attended a dinner in Hall given by the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, and the Masters of the Bench last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:
The High Commissioaner for India, Lord Aldington, Baroness Serota, Lord Templeman, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lady Oliver of Aylmerton, Baroness Flather, Sir John May (treasurer, Inner Temple), Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Air Marshal Sir Roy Austen-Smith, Sir David Calcutt, QC, Mr George Webb, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry van Straubenzee, Mr Ian Wallace, Professor Norman Browse, Mr Angus Stirling, Mr Peter Sarginson, Mr Bryce Harland, Miss Anne Blackburn and Captain P M Carver, RN (under treasurer).

Castaways' Club
Lieutenant B.C.P. Gething presided at the annual dinner of the Castaways' Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club.

Service dinners

RN Supplies and Transport
Admiral Sir Hugo White, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, and Vice-Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, Chief of Fleet Support, were the principal guests at the annual Royal Naval Supplies and Transport dinner held last night at Bath University. Mr David Jones, director-general, presided.

Liverpool University Air Squadron
Air Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Chief of Logistic Support and Chief Engineer RAF, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Liverpool University Air Squadron held last night at Altcar. Squadron Leader J.R.R. Christen, Officer Commanding, presided. Professor Sir Robert Shields, Chairman of the Military Education Committee, Liverpool University, and Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, attended.



Elisabeth Söderstrom, the soprano, is 66 today

Birthdays today

Mr Scobie Breasley, jockey, 78; Lord Briggs, 72; Mr Peter Carey, author, 50; Viscount Cross, 73; Sir Charles Cunningham, civil servant, 87; Sir Reay Geddes, former chairman, Dunlop Rubber Company, 81; Professor R.Y. Goodden, architect, 84; Sir James Gowans, former deputy chairman, Medical Research Council, 69; the Right Rev Robert Taylor Halliday, Bishop of Brechin, 61; Viscount Hampden, 56; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, explorer, 57; Mr Michael Hawkes, former vice-chairman, Kleinwort Benson group, 64; Sir Lenox Hewitt, Australian industrialist, 76; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, author, 66; Lord Kirkhill, 63; Mr David Leach, potter, 82; Mr James Levett, organist, 84; Sir Neil Macfarlane, MP, 57; Sir Basil Nield, former MP and High Court judge, 90; Dr Tony O'Reilly, chairman, H.J. Heinz Company, 57; Mr Richard O'Sullivan, actor, 49; Mr W.M. Pybus, company chairman, 70; Mr C.J. Saunders, headmaster, Eastbourne College, 53; Sir Arthur Snelling, diplomat, 79; Mr David Tomlinson, actor, 76; Sir Alan Traill, former Lord Mayor of London, 58; Major-General H.G. Woods, 69.

People and Places

"Glamorous Life", the latest in the People and Places series marking the life and music of Ivor Novello, was held last night at the Waldorf Hotel in aid of Stars Organisation Support Action for People with Cerebral Palsy. Lady Granville of Eye was chairman and Mrs Iris Banham-Lee presided.

Reception

Badhams Thompson
The Partners of Badhams Thompson entertained at a reception held last night at Innholders' Hall to mark the retirement of Mr Brian Atchley, their Senior Partner. Lord Justice Ralph Gibson spoke and Mr Atchley replied.

School news

Howell's School, Denbigh
The Summer Term started on Monday, April 26. The Prime Warden is Emma Jones, Deputy Prime Warden Carmel Roberts, and Senior Day Girl Claire Shaw. Drapers' Scholarships have been awarded to Rachel Hall and Angharad Hackett and the Sixth Form Drapers' Scholarship to Yasmin Valizadeh. Confirmation will be conducted by the Archbishop of Wales on Sunday, May 16. The Summer Ball will be on July 3 and Sports Day on July 4. The Annual Visitation by the Master and Wardens of The Drapers' Company will take place on the weekend of July 10/11. The Guest Speaker at Speech Day will be Canon Donald Gray (Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons). Old Howellians who would like to renew contact are warmly invited to contact the School.

Stonyhurst College
High Mass will be celebrated at Stonyhurst today by the Bishop of Salford, the Right Rev P.A. Kelly, to inaugurate the Centenaries Year commemorating the quater-centenary of the foundation of the College in 1593 and the bicentenary of its move to its present site in 1794. In the course of the Mass the combined choirs of Stonyhurst and St Mary's Hall will give the first performance of a *Fanfare for Chorus and Organ* to the words *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*, composed by the late William Mathias and commissioned by the College for the Centenaries. Commemorative stained glass windows designed by Mr Patrick Feeny are to be blessed at the War Memorial. The Headmaster, Dr R.G.G. Mercer, and the guests of the College will be joined at luncheon by the Jesuit community, the teaching staff, the pupils of Stonyhurst and St Mary's Hall, and the whole household.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as patron of British Red Cross Youth, will attend the launch of the International Red Cross World Disaster Report at British Red Cross National Headquarters at 12.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will open the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray, at 11.0; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit the Nylon Hosiery Company at 46 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, at 1.55.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool, at 11.15; will visit the League of Welldoers at Lime Kiln Lane at 1.45; and will open the Hillsborough Heart Ward at Walton Hospital, Rice Lane, at 2.45.

Luncheon

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour Commonwealth Parliamentarians attending the 1993 Parliamentary visit at Westminster.

Appointment

Sir Allan Ramsay, ambassador to Morocco, to be additionally ambassador to Mauritania.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1711; Robert Browning, poet, London, 1812; Norman Shaw, architect, Edinburgh, 1831; Johannes Brahms, composer, Hamburg, 1833; Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, composer, Votkinsk, Russia, 1840; Archibald Primrose, 5th Earl of Rosebery, Prime Minister 1894-95, London, 1847; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1861; Marshal Tito (Josip Broz), President of Yugoslavia 1953-80, Kumrovec, 1892; Archibald Macleish, poet and dramatist, Glencoe, Illinois, 1892; Gary Cooper, film star, Helena, Montana, 1901; Sir Huw Wheldon, broadcaster, 1916.

DEATHS: H.W. Bunbury, artist and caricaturist, Keswick, Cumbria, 1811; Antonio Salieri, composer, Vienna, 1825; Caspar Friedrich, painter, Dresden, 1840; Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1841; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor 1830-34, a founder of London University, Cannes, 1868; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, London, 1890; William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, soap manufacturer and philanthropist, Hampstead, 1925; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1932-35, London, 1940; Sir James Frazer, anthropologist, Cambridge 1941.

The first Isle of Man TT race was held, 1907.

Nearly 2,000 people perished when *The Lusitania* was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, 1915.

Memorial services

Mr Derek Symonds
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Derek Symonds was held yesterday in the Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, precentor. Mr Michael Symonds, son, and Mr David James read the lessons. Canon Gray gave an address and Mr Peter Foster, Surveyor Emeritus of the Fabric, paid tribute. Canon Colin Semper was robed and seated with the collegiate body.

Mr Ernest Sabben-Clare
A memorial service to celebrate the life and work of Mr Ernest Sabben-Clare, Headmaster of Leeds Grammar School 1963-1970, will be held in the Leeds Grammar School Chapel, Moorland Road, on Friday, May 21, at 2.00pm. The Headmaster, Governors and members of the family extend an open invitation to those who wish to attend.

University news

University of Portsmouth
The University of Portsmouth is to confer Honorary Awards on Mr Linford Christie, athlete, Hon MSc; Mrs P.J. Duffy (A.S. Byatt), critic and novelist, Hon DLitt; Mr David Fletcher, Deputy Chairman, GEC Marconi, Hon DEng; Mr Laurie Fricker, retiring Principal Lecturer, University of Portsmouth, Hon Associateship; Mr Peter Mills, retiring Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Portsmouth, Hon DUniv and Hon Associateship; Mrs Yvonne Moores, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health, Hon DSc; Mr Michael Pipes, former Governor, University of Portsmouth, Hon MBA; Mr John Smith, QPM, Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, Hon Fellowship; the Earl of Snowdon, KCVO, Hon DLitt; and the Very Rev David Standiffe, Provost of St Thomas's Cathedral, Portsmouth, Hon DLitt.

Wadham College, Oxford

The Wadham Society's farewell party for Sir Claus and Lady Moser will be held at the House of Commons from 7-9pm on July 28. Tickets are available from the Development Office, Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PN. Tel (0865) 277970.

Latest wills

Mrs Margaret Amy Constance Wright, of Chipstead, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,216,480 net.
She left personal legacies totalling £25,000 and the residue equally between the Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund, the Chartered Accountants' Benevolent Association, Musicians' Benevolent Fund, RSPB, Save the Children Fund, SENSE and the British Red Cross Society.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.W.N. Bankes and Miss S.P. Thorniley
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs U.W. Bankes, of Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire, and Sophie, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs W. Thorniley, of Briantspuddle, Dorset.

Mr M.B. Bland and Miss L.M. Stanford
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Commodore Fred Bland, OBE, RNZN, and Mrs Bland, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Stanford, of Wootton Village, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Mr A.P. Cole and Miss S.J. Robbins
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Cole, of Westport, Connecticut, and Sarah Jane, only daughter of the late Rev Henry Robbins and of Mrs Karen Robbins Taylor, and stepdaughter of Mr David Taylor, of Hanover, New Hampshire.

Mr A.R. Conyers and Miss M.R. Jarrett
The engagement is announced between Adam, twin son of Mr Peter Conyers, of Eastbourne, and Dr Angela Conyers, of Canterbury, and Mary, elder daughter of the Rev Martyn and Mrs Jarrett, of Chesterfield.

Mr J.A.S. Dent and Dr S.L. Beggs
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dent, of Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and Sara, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Beggs, of Frant, East Sussex.

Mr H.P. Eggleston and Miss J.T. Evans
The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of Professor and Mrs John Eggleston, of Whitmore Heath, Staffordshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Evans, of Benenden, Kent.

Mr J.M. Headings and Miss C.M. Leishman
The engagement is announced between John Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Headings, of Lowton, Cheshire, and Catherine Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Leishman, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr J.H. Harris and Miss D. Evans
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Harris, of Twyford, Berkshire, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E. Evans, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Captain M.D.W. Mangham, RGJ, and Miss F.A. Qualtrough, WRAF
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Major General and Mrs Desmond Mangham, of Woolton Hill, Newbury, and Felicity, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Qualtrough, of Castletown, Isle of Man.

Mr D. Mendes da Costa and Dr C.J. Lydekker
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Mendes da Costa, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr Anthony Lydekker, of Wimbledon, and Mrs P.B. Gillies, of Barnes, London.

Mr N. Spence and Miss F. McWhirter
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr William Spence and the late Mrs Pamela Spence, of East Boldre, Hampshire, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William McWhirter, of Jordanstown, Co Antrim and Brunei.

Mr B.T.T. Thorne and Miss M.S. Mahony
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Dr and Mrs Martin Thorne, of Shaldon, Devon, and Moira, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Mahony, of Westport, Connecticut.

Mr M.J. Vanhegan and Miss J.A. Smith
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs R.I. Vanhegan, of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, and Joanna, only daughter of Dr W.H. Smith, of St Agnes, Cornwall, and Mrs P.I. Smith, of Somerstown, Chichester.

Mr J.J. Wroblewski and Miss R.H. Cook
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Professor and Mrs B.M. Wroblewski, of Parbold, Lancashire, and Rosalie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H.A. Cook, of Newburgh, Lancashire.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Ivan Mann, Rector, Aldringham w Thorpe, Knodishall w Buxlow and Friston: to be Vicar, Ipswich, St John the Baptist (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Canon Peter Mason, Rector, Shenfield: to be Priest-in-charge, Maldon, All Saints w St Peter (Chelmsford).

The Rev Anthony Moore, Curate, Eyke w Bromeswell, Rendlesham, Tunstall and Wantisden, and formerly Alderton w Ramsholt and Bawdsey: to be Vicar, Aldeburgh w Hazlewood (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Simon Pothen, Assistant Curate, St Mary the Virgin, Tottenham (London): to be Team Vicar, St Mark's, Grimsby Team Ministry (Lincoln).

The Rev Alan Reynolds, Vicar, St Mary and St Bartholomew, Hampton in Arden: to be Vicar, St Anne, Moseley (Birmingham).

The Rev John Robson, Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy: to be also a Chaplain to HM The Queen.

The Rev Robert Rogers, Curate, St Peter's, Wellesbourne: to be Rector, Bourton w Frankton and Stretton-on-Dunsmore w Princethorpe, part of the Upper Leam group ministry (Coventry).

The Rev Michael Silley, Vicar, the Ingham group of parishes: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, North and South Carlton (Lincoln).

The Rev Colin Southall, Honorary Curate (non-stipendiary), Great Glen St Cuthbert: to be Assistant Chaplain (stipendiary), Leicester Royal Infirmary (Leicester).

The Rev Canon John Stanley, Vicar, Huyton (Liverpool): to be *also* a Chaplain to HM the Queen.

The Rev Alan Towell, Assistant Curate, Holy Cross, Boultham, Lincoln: to be Priest-in-charge, The Church of the Resurrection, Scunthorpe (Lincoln).

The Rev David Yates, Assistant Curate, united benefice of Parkham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer and Abbotsham (Exeter): to be Assistant Curate, Watling Valley Team Ministry in the Buckingham area (Oxford).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Ashley, Rector, Woolsthorpe w Stainwith, West Allington w East Allington w Sedgebrook (Lincoln): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Paul Batson, Vicar, Earley St Peter (Oxford): has resigned.

The Rev Basil Foster, Rector, Ropsley (Lincoln): to retire as from May 13.

The Rev Canon Peter Goode, Vicar, Christ Church, Warley (Chelmsford): to retire as from June 30; and then to be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev David Howes, Diocesan Industrial Adviser for the Derby Area, and Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Risley (Derby): to retire as from June 30.

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My feet have kept to the path God has set me: without deviating I have kept to his way.
Job 23 : 11

BIRTHS

BATTISCOMBE-SCOTT - On 5th May, to Zoe (née Hardy) and Christopher, a son, Max, a brother for Xanthe.

BAVETTA - On April 29th 1993, to Paula (née Eustance) and Seb, a son, Francis Edward, a brother for Georgina (and cousin for Holly/see Eustance).

BROWNE - On 2nd May 1993, to Serena and Toby, a son, a brother to Daisy and Archie.

CHALMERS - On 3rd May 1993, to Clare (née Abernethy) and Rex, a daughter, Constance Amy.

EUSTANCE - On May 1st 1993, to Jane (née Erde) and Peter, a daughter, Holly Gabriella, a sister for Phoebe (and cousin for Francis/see Bavetta).

FARREN - Lewis Alexander Foster. Born 28th April 1993 to Barbara (née Halliday) and Ian. A brother for Fraser.

GOODCHILD - On 29th April 1993, in Bury St Edmunds, to Sabina (née Gaynor) and Harry, a son, Hugo Patrick Hicks, a brother to Tatiana and Laetitia.

GORDON - On Sunday May 2nd 1993 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Cathy and Doug, a beautiful daughter, Anna Frances.

HATTERSLEY - On April 28th, to Rebecca and Charles, a daughter, a sister for Elizabeth.

MOORE - On May 4th 1993, to Anna (née Thompson) and Simon, a daughter, Hermione Isobel, a sister for Emily and Oliver.

REIZENSTEIN - On 4th March 1993, to Susan (née Abrams) and Jonathan, a son, Matthew Jacob, a brother for Jeremy and Ben.

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ROBINS - On April 9th, to Sarah (née Morris) and Robin, a daughter, Daisy.

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STANLEY - On 29th April at Malmesbury Hospital, to Joanna (née Avery) and Tony, a daughter, Eleanor Lucy Alice, a sister for Jack.

von HIDEGH-PICHLER - On 13th April in Lincoln to George and Jill, a son, 28th Baron of Cluj, Rumania, George Alexander Christopher Roy, a brother to Fay Stephanie Frances.

DEATHS

BEECROFT - On May 3rd, 1993, in hospital, Frank Stanley aged 84 years. Formerly of Pevensey Bay, Sussex. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, on Friday May 14th at 12 noon, followed by interment. No flowers, donations if desired to Barnados, c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

BELOUSIS - On May 5th 1993, Dr. John of Harley Street, peacefully at Middlesex Hospital. Beloved father of John and Daphne. Funeral Service at St Sophia's Cathedral, Moscow Road, Bayswater, on Monday May 10th at 1 pm. Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family, colleagues and many friends.

BENNET - On April 29th in San Francisco, Alexandra Katharine aged 37. Survived by her mother Georgiana, The Countess of Tankerville, her brother Peter Grey, The 10th Earl of Tankerville, her sister Lady Anna Poirier, her brother-in-law Timothy Poirier and relations in England and Canada. Private Service held in San Francisco.

BIRD - Paul peacefully in hospital on 5th May, much loved brother of Peter and father of Sophia, Dominic and Damian. Requiem Mass at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, London W4, at 11 am on Thursday 13th May, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent c/o W.S. Bond, 127 Chiswick High Rd, W4 2NN (081-994 0277).

BLACK - Walter, died at home on Tuesday May 4th. Loving and much loved. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John, Wednesday May 12th at 2pm. Donations, if wished, to St Michael's Hospice, Aldermaston Road or flowers c/o Spencer & Peyton, 380 Worting Road, Basingstoke.

BOYLE - Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Dermot. Peacefully at home on 5th May aged 88. Beloved husband of Una; much loved father of Tony, Patrick and Penny; grandfather of Adrian, Nicola, Graham, Rosie, Clare and Susan. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Sway, Hants, at 2.30 pm Thursday 13th May. No flowers please, but contributions to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR, greatly appreciated.

BRAIN - On 6th May 1993, peacefully at his home in Jersey, C.I., Brigadier H.G. Lennox, DSO, OBE, in his 93rd year. Requiem Mass to be held in Jersey, C.I., at St Bernadette R.C. Church, St Brelade, on Thursday 13th May at 2.30 pm. Private cremation to follow. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be sent to The Royal British Legion (Jersey Branch) c/o Mr P.W. Grinstead, Legion House, 2-4 Great Union Street, St Helier, Jersey. Pitcher and Le Quesne, Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, tel: (0534) 33330.

BRYANT - On 1st May 1993, at St George's Nursing Home, Anne Lady Bryant of Sussex Mansions, Old Brompton Road, much loved by family and friends. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium on 11th May at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

CATTERALL - Robert Duncan C.B.E., F.R.C.P., on 6th May at home in his sleep. Cremation private. Ceremony of Thanksgiving for his life and work, 4.30pm on 26th May in The Courtauld Lecture Theatre and after in the Board Room of the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer St., London W1.

COAKER - Peacefully on 3rd May 1993, Diana Mary, darling wife of Charles. Cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, at 2pm on Wednesday 12th May for family and close friends. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene, Woodborough, at 2.30pm on Monday 24th May 1993. No flowers by her request. Donations if desired for The Injured Jockey's Fund, 39 Kingfisher Court, Newbury, Berks. Enquiries to the Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0793) 491091.

COLLINGWOOD - On Wednesday May 5th 1993, at Southampton General Hospital, after a sudden severe illness, Matthew James aged 18 years, of Wakeham, Easton, Portland. Much loved son of Peter and Della and dear brother of Stephen and Christopher. Service at Easton Methodist Church, Portland, on Thursday May 13th at 2 pm, followed by interment in Portland Cemetery. Family flowers only, but if you wish, donations towards Easton Methodist Church Appeal Fund, will be gratefully received and should be sent to Mrs M. Huddy, 3 St George's Road, Portland. Enquiries to J.W. Rose & Sons, (0305) 785832.

ENTRICAN - On 6th May 1993, suddenly at her home in Lisburn, Mary Cuthbertson aged 91 years, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs John Entrican of Cookstown and loving sister of Mrs Kathleen Sloan and much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service in James Thompson & Sons Funeral Church, 34 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, on Monday May 10th at 2.15pm. Interment afterwards in the City Cemetery, Belfast. House private, no flowers please.

FELLOWES-BROWN - On 1st May 1993 the Reverend Eldred Joscelyn Fellowes-Brown aged 89. Enquiries to R.J. Bartram & Son, 42 Fairland Street, Wymondham, Norfolk (0953) 603138.

FIRTH - Harriet - aged 27 - suddenly, on May 4th 1993. Very much loved daughter, sister and aunt. Funeral to be held at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, on Wednesday May 12th at 10.30 am. Flowers, or donations if preferred for the British Epilepsy Association c/o Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1. tel: (071) 834-4624.

GRIERSON - On 6th May 1993 peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Heather Grierson, beloved wife of Ronnie, adored mother of Felicity and Jacob and loving grandmother of Marcus, Jessica, Sam and Thomas. Funeral private.

HARFORD - On Wednesday May 5th, very peacefully, Anstice Marion, aged 83, much loved mother of Timothy, Robin and Piers. A dear grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Great Somerford, at 11.15 am on Thursday May 13th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to P.D.S.A., Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ.

MARTIN - On May 3rd, peacefully after a long illness, Jean Rona, younger daughter and last surviving child of the late Colonel and Mrs Martin Martin of Skye.

NEVE - On May 6th, John Cecil aged 91, peacefully at BUPA House, Milton Keynes. Husband of the late Irene and father of Margaret, Elizabeth and Susan. Cremation private. Memorial Service on Wednesday 12th May at 3.30 pm at St Edmund's, Maids Moreton, near Buckingham. Family flowers only.

OCKENDEN - On 6th May 1993, Joan aged 68 years, beloved wife of Tony and mother of Carol, Michael and Simon, peacefully at home. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St Lawrence, West Street, Olney, Bucks, on Monday 10th May 1993 at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Bristol Cancer Help Centre may be sent to H.W. Mason and Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. MK16 8AR.

PHILPOT - On 29th April 1993, Oliver Lawrence Spurling, MC, DFC, MA, aged 80. Funeral Service 10.30 am Friday 14th May at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington. Private cremation. Flowers to Ballards, (071) 370-6271.

RAAFAT - Dr. Hussein Raafat M.D. Cairo M.R.C.P., on April 12th after a short illness, beloved husband and father. Funeral took place in Cairo on Saturday 17th April. Will be greatly missed by all his grieving family.

ROBERTSON - On May 5th, Ruth (née Epstein), widow of John Connell Robertson, youngest surviving sister of Victor, died in Jerusalem in her 84th year.

SYMINGTON - On 5th May 1993 at Worthing. The Reverend Canon Alexander Aitken in his 91st year. Dear husband of Brenda, father of Jim and Mary and much loved grandfather. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Church of England Children's Society c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing.

TAYLOR - On May 5th 1993, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, Philip Alfred Griffiths, aged 81. Beloved husband of Stella, much loved father of Jenifer, Anne and Robin and grandfather of Karen, Andrew, Philippa and James. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, on Tuesday May 11th at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation c/o Pimms Funeral Directors, Chertsey, Mary Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4QX.

TODD - Ann, on May 6th, peacefully. Mother, grandmother, friend and actress. Funeral enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, Marloes Road. tel: (071) 937-0767.

TODD - On May 6th 1993 at The Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, suddenly but peacefully, Dr. Kenneth Todd of Tirril, Penrith. Aged 84 years. Beloved husband of the late Mary, dear stepfather of Patricia Roberts; for many years a much loved and respected General Practitioner in Penrith. Service and interment at St Michael's Church, Barton, Penrith, on Friday 14th May at 11.30am.

VENRICK - On 24th April, peacefully at Richland Place, Nashville, Tennessee, Dorothy Louise Jones, in her 89th year. Wishing to be remembered to her friends in England.

WILLCOX - On May 5th 1993 peacefully at home. Dicon Robert Mason aged 22, of Merrow and Christ Church, Oxford; beloved rascal and son of Jocelyn and Walter. Funeral St Martin's, Blackheath, nr. Guildford, Tuesday May 11th at 2 pm to be followed by private cremation at Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for Dorking Hospice Homecare and Imperial Cancer Research c/o Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY. Evensong at 6 pm on Sunday May 16th at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, will be dedicated to his memory. Fauré's Requiem will be performed in memoriam on Saturday June 12th at 3 pm also in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Ave et vale.

WRIGHT - Frederic Maitland on May 5th peacefully at home; greatly loved by Star and all his family. Private cremation. Celebration later.

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OBITUARIES

MARSHAL OF THE RAF SIR DERMOT BOYLE

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC, Chief of the Air Staff from 1956 to 1959, died on May 5 aged 88. He was born on October 2, 1904.

DERMOT BOYLE came to the head of the Royal Air Force at its most critical time since it had fought for its independent existence after the first world war. The future of Fighter Command was spoken of as being under threat. The land-based Thor missile, to be bought from the Americans, seemed poised to supersede the indigenous V-bomber force as Britain's contribution to strategic deterrence. An arid future, leading into an era of automatism, seemed to many to face the RAF.

This prospect had a highly disturbing effect not only on the younger officers but on many in the upper reaches of the service. Boyle's task was to sustain a belief in the manned aircraft at a time when the advocates of a push-button solution to Britain's defence problems appeared to have won the day. He exerted all his energy and Irish persuasiveness to try to preserve the integrity of air power and his service's belief in itself and its mission.

It was Lord Trenchard who had told cadets at Cranwell that the RAF would not come into its own until one of them became Chief of the Air Staff. He did not live to see his wish fulfilled and it was Dermot Boyle who brought Trenchard's vision to reality.

Dermot Alexander Boyle was not only the first Cranwell cadet to become CAS, he was also the first Irishman. Born at Abbeyleix, Queen's County, he was educated at St Columba's College, Dublin, from where he entered Cranwell in 1922. He soon became known as one of the best fliers in the RAF. Skill and precision were allied to dash and daring. He served in Iraq with both 1 and 6 Squadrons and his flying prowess against keen competition was confirmed when he was appointed to the Central Flying School in 1927. He flew in the school's aerobatic team in the following two years when he returned to Cranwell as an instructor.

He took part in the 1928 and 1929 RAF pageants at Hendon. Training for the pageants always tested both aircraft and pilot to the limits. Aerobatics were performed as close to the ground as possible and frequently led to horrific crashes of the type which later cost Douglas Bader both his legs. On one occasion Boyle, like Bader, was rolling his aircraft at low level when a wingtip hit the ground and the plane disintegrated. Unlike Bader he was fortunate enough to walk unscathed from the wreckage.

Boyle got his first command in 1936. It was of No 83 Squadron which was equipped with the 150 mph Hawker Hind biplane, then regarded as the latest in British day bombers. Such a judgment speaks volumes for the perilous obsolescence of the RAF, when compared to a *Luftwaffe* which already had the Heinkel He 111 and the Dornier Do 17 in service — both 100 mph faster than the Hind and carrying three or four times the bomb-load. After six months with the squadron Boyle returned to Cranwell as chief flying instructor and received the AFC in 1939.

Soon after war broke out he went out to France on the staff of the Advanced Air Striking Force which was then engaged on the pointless task of dropping leaflets on Germany — and losing aircraft and crews unnecessarily while doing so. The AASF's baptism of fire was to come with the opening of the Blitzkrieg on May 10, 1940. But Boyle was not there to witness its catastrophic losses, since he had been brought back to Bomber Command Headquarters.

But he was soon put in charge of No 83 Squadron again, commanding it until early in 1941. It was by now equipped with Handley Page Hampden bombers. This could scarcely help being an improvement on the Hind but was, again, an utterly inadequate design for carrying out the tasks the squadron had to undertake. Losses were heavy in attacks on German shipping being assembled in Channel ports for invasion, but Boyle was mentioned in dispatches.

Throughout the rest of the war Boyle held a succession of operational commands and senior staff posts, most notably as a group commander of the 2nd Tactical Air Force, which was formed to support Allied armies fighting the Germans in northwest Europe. In July 1945 he was given command of the famous 11 Group, and had responsibility for converting it from



piston-engined aircraft to jets.

In the postwar years his rise to the top of his service was even swifter than his admirers could have predicted. En route he was AOC of No 1 (Bomber) Group from 1951 to 1953, during which period he led a Canberra force on a goodwill visit to South America and the Caribbean. On this 24,000-mile tour, in several of the countries visited the force had to put down on airfields which had never before taken jet aircraft.

From 1953 to 1955 Boyle was AOC-in-C, Fighter Command. It was a period which embraced the Coronation Review of the RAF, held at Odiham in June 1953. Boyle's personal drive and interest ensured that this, the last assembly of aircraft on such a scale in the RAF's history, was an impeccable display. This earned him his second knighthood, this time in the Victorian Order, his KBE having been conferred on him in 1953.

When, on January 1, 1956, he became Chief of the Air Staff he came to office without the usual prerequisite of earlier membership of the Air Council. Certainly, he could have done with that sort of negotiating experience to withstand the violent effects on the future that Duncan Sandys's white paper of 1957 seemed to portend.

In April 1958 Boyle's thinking on the future of the RAF became apparent when he staged a conference, aptly dubbed "Prospect". In the presence of 300 representative figures from national life he made it clear that the Air Staff saw the manned aircraft, rather than the missile as proposed by Sandys, as the ultimate means of defence. He clearly did not foresee the political uproar that this apparent confrontation of RAF thinking and government policy would cause. In some quarters he was branded a rebel and the prime minister, Harold Macmillan, was forced to insist to the Commons that the head of the RAF had not really said what had been reported. But the rumpus did not quickly die down and for the rest of his term of office Boyle trod warily in the public arena.

Nevertheless by continuing to keep his officers, both senior and junior, informed about the progress of developments, in a series of tours to bases throughout the world, he ensured, when he relinquished office at the end of 1959, that he handed over to his successor a service that had, again, a belief in itself and confidence in its future.

In 1961 he joined the board of the British Aircraft Corporation, becoming vice-chairman in 1962. This gave him the opportunity to press on with the development the Air Staff had, perhaps prematurely, disclosed during the 1958 "Prospect" conference, the TSR2 tactical reconnaissance bomber. This project helped ameliorate the bitterness he felt at the abandonment of the air-launched Skybolt ballistic missile at the Nassau meeting between Harold Macmillan and President Kennedy in December 1962. Alas, this sense of consolation was to prove short-lived — TSR2 itself being cancelled in April 1965. The failure of his successors to fight this decision only increased his feeling that the Chiefs of Staff Committee had become, as he wrote at the time of the abandonment of Skybolt, "less effective militarily and more involved politically, both highly undesirable tendencies from the country's point of view."

In 1931 Boyle married Una Carey. She and two sons and a daughter survive him.

IAN MIKARDO

Ian Mikardo, a Labour MP for 37 years and a former chairman of the Labour party, died yesterday in a Stockport hospital aged 84. He was born on July 9, 1908.

THE Labour movement in Britain has traditionally consisted of two strands — the fundamentalists, always yearning to take the party back to the basics of socialism, and the pragmatists willing to make any sacrifice in order to attain office. From the moment he wrote (with Dick Crossman and Michael Foot) the influential 1947 pamphlet, *Keep Left*, Ian Mikardo placed himself firmly in the former category. What, though, separated him from his more dreamy colleagues on the left was that he was in himself a very successful businessman. Starting out by running a laundry, he developed into a management consultant and eventually became a considerable entrepreneur in terms of East-West trade. (He was at least once sounded out about taking over the running of a nationalised industry — something he would have done supremely well.)

At Westminster "Mik" was very much a Commons character — genial, approachable and never in the least forbidding, for all his delight in demolishing opponents in argument. There was a racy side to his nature, reflected in the enthusiasm with which he served as the House's bookmaker: no election ever took place in any party on which he was not willing to quote a price. And he rarely lost money.

On the other hand, it may have been his political misfortune that in physical appearance he was the cartoonist's delight in looking the very image of a conspirator (and hardly a native-born one either). By Cummings in the *Daily Express*, in particular, he was regularly pilloried as someone out to undermine the British way of life — and, in a famous witticism, Winston Churchill was once heard to murmur of him: "I'm told he's not as nice as he looks."

Born in Portsmouth of poor immigrant parents — his father from Poland, his mother from the Ukraine — Mikardo was proud to be a first-generation Englishman. As a child, his first language was Yiddish. A family story had it that his father, on arriving at the London Docks at the turn of the century, lived in the East End for four months before realising that he was in London and not in New York.

A bright boy, Mikardo thought of becoming a rabbi — he was to remain a committed Zionist all his life. But politics soon bewitched him and by 1944 he was prospective Labour candidate for Reading. At the time it seemed a safe Tory seat and an improbable vantage point from which a young socialist, however articulate, could make an impact on the national scene. But that year's Labour party conference set the tone for the election and at it the young Mikardo moved what came to be known as "the Reading resolution" calling for wholesale nationalisation once peace had arrived.

To the distress of the party leadership, the resolution was carried. As he left the hall Mikardo was accosted by Herbert Morrison, who ruefully remarked to him: "Young man, that was a good speech



— but you realise, don't you, that you've lost us the general election."

In the event, Labour won a landslide victory just over a year later in July 1945 and Mikardo even gained Reading. It was to remain his political base for the next 14 years, with his triumph in holding onto it against an adverse national swing in 1955 being particularly notable. Predictably, Mikardo proved a first-class political organiser and "the Reading system," as his method of electioneering came to be known, soon became the envy of other constituencies. Even his campaigning resourcefulness could not, however, save him from defeat in Harold Macmillan's "You never had it so good" election of 1959 and for the next five years Mikardo found himself out of Parliament.

Worse than that, he virtually simultaneously lost his seat on the national executive of the Labour party to which he had first been elected in 1950. His supersession by Tony Benn was a particularly cruel blow as he was due that coming year to become chairman of the party — a post he had to wait to fill until 1970-71.

Within a year Mikardo was back on the NEC and four years later he returned to the House of Commons for the safe Labour seat of Poplar. Unlike other left-wingers, such as Barbara Castle, Dick Crossman and Tony Greenwood, he was not, however, offered any government post by Harold Wilson (something that increasingly seemed to rankle with him down the years). Certainly, he had all the ability to run a government department — but the truth was that he and Wilson had never got on. As it was, he could only display his gifts as a highly effective chairman of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, where he produced a widely praised report on the workings of the Bank of England.

To the Wilson governments of 1964-70 Mikardo soon became something of a thorn in the flesh. He was very critical of the party frontbench's stance on Vietnam, an outspoken opponent of all forms of incomes policy and a formidable antagonist to Barbara Castle over her trade union reform proposals as embodied in the famous white paper, *In Place of Strife*. By the time of the party's defeat in 1970, he had become — from his power base in the Tribune group — in effect the leader of the internal opposition to the government.

It was thus bad news for Wilson when, on his return to office in 1974, Mikardo was elected chairman of the parliamentary Labour Party. For the peace of mind of the Treasury bench his tenure of this office proved to be mercifully brief, a new chairman taking his place after the October 1974 election. The fact, of course was that Mikardo was now getting old — symbolically he was to lose his national executive seat in 1978 to Neil Kinnock — but he was still to enjoy one Indian summer, at least as a political organiser. Michael Foot's ten-vote victory over Denis Healey in the leadership election of November 1980 owed much to his ability as a campaign manager.

Mikardo had only a marginal sympathy for the constitutional causes that Tony Benn then took up, his personal loyalty remaining to his old Bevanite comrade, Foot. It was, in fact, partially re-selection, when he tried to bring in a compromise designed to preserve the rights of sitting MPs, that had cost him his seat on the NEC for the last time. His final years, both at conference and in the Commons, were slightly sad ones and it came as no surprise when he announced his decision not to contest the 1987 election. It was characteristic, though, of his love of Parliament that at the time he expressed a wish to serve as researcher to a young, incoming Labour MP. That never came to pass but instead he spent the early months of his retirement working on his autobiography which, when published in 1988, turned out to be aptly entitled *Back-Bencher*.

Mikardo married in 1932 Mary Rosette. They had two daughters.

ANN TODD

Ann Todd, British film star, died yesterday aged 84. She was born in Cheshire on January 24, 1909.

AN ACTRESS of modest range but undeniable presence, with her blonde hair, high cheekbones and deep-set blue eyes, Ann Todd had been playing small parts in films for several years before becoming an international star after her performance as the tormented concert pianist in *The Seventh Veil*.

This was a low-budget British film which unexpectedly became the box-office success of 1945. The plot was pure melodrama: a concert pianist, Francesca Cunningham, (Todd) finds herself romantically torn between her psychiatrist, her guardian and two other men. One scene in particular — when the tyrannical James Mason brings his walking-stick down across the frail hands of Todd as she plays the piano — caused a minor uproar at the time. Audiences all over the world winced.

The film set the seal of approval on psychiatry. One critic described it as "a rich, portentous mixture of Beethoven, Chopin, Kitsch and Freud". It was Todd's misfortune that she never again achieved this sort of popular success, and was for ever afterwards associated with the one film.

Ann Todd was born of Scottish parents. She came from a family of artists: her great, great uncle was William Hogarth and her brother was the playwright, Harold Brooke (who took their mother's maiden name). She was educated at boarding school in Eastbourne and went on to study at the Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art with the intention of becoming a drama teacher. But after making her stage debut (as a fairy in *The Land of Heart's Desire* at the Arts Theatre Club) she decided to become an actress instead.

In the 1930s she began to land walk-on parts in British films: *Keepers of Youth* (1931) *Things to Come* (1936) and *South Riding* (1937). Even then, her five minutes on screen as the love interest in *Perfect Strangers* (1945) was applauded by the critics. Todd concentrated on the theatre during the second world war putting in a memorable performance as the tormented concert pianist in *The Seventh Veil*.



Case (1947), Todd disappeared from view. Distribution problems, which included heavy new import taxes on Hollywood films into Britain, were partly to blame. By the time *The Paradine Case* reached British screens in 1949, audiences here had not seen her face for over two years.

Somewhat disheartened, Todd returned to Britain with a new husband (her third), the director, David Lean, whom she had married in 1949. He directed her in three films — *The Passionate Friends* opposite Claude Rains (1948), *Madeleine* (1949) and *The Sound Barrier* (1952) — in which she gave some powerful studies of women under stress. None of them, however, was a huge commercial success and her films from then on became less frequent. Among the latter ones are *Time Without Pity* (1957), *Taste of Fear* (1961) and Otto Preminger's *The Human Factor* (1979).

Todd began to take her new obscurity philosophically. She loved recalling one taxi driver's observation as he pocketed his tip: "Blimey, I thought you were dead, Missus". She was, in any case, beginning to blossom as a stage actress.

Long experienced in lighter stage roles, in the 1950s she joined the Old Vic and tackled Shakespeare — *Macbeth*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Love's Labours Lost*, before accepting the part of Jennifer Dubedat in a revival of *The Doctor's Dilemma* at the Saville Theatre in 1956. *Duel of Angels* (1958) found her playing opposite Vivien Leigh, (an experience which she found trying) but her last stage appearance was in one of her favourite plays, Noël Coward's *The Vortex* at Guildford in 1965.

It was at about this point that Todd gave up acting for several years. She had been through three marriages, her children had left home, and she decided it was time to embark on a new career — as a documentary film-maker.

She won several awards for her films, the best known of which is *Free in the Sun*, which she filmed in Australia and which, as with all her films, she produced, directed and narrated. A series of travelogues, or "diary documentaries" as she preferred to call them, were set in exotic locations: Nepal (*Thunder in Heaven*), Jordan (*Thunder of Silence*), Egypt (*Thunder of the Kings*) and Greece (*Thunder of the Gods*).

Todd travelled lightly, with tent and backpack, and produced the films on a shoestring. On her first trip to Nepal she had learnt to appreciate the shock value of a single woman travelling alone: "I was shown straight to the king, while other people who had been waiting months were ignored."

Her autobiography, *The Eighth Veil* (1980), was written in two months, mostly while lying in bed which acted as her unofficial office. It was an intelligent account of a varied, if not always happy, life.

Todd had a son by her first husband, Victor Malcolm and a daughter by her second, Nigel Tangye. Her third marriage to David Lean was dissolved in 1957.

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Lord Roberts brought his country campaign to a triumphant close in Glasgow tonight. Bristol, Wolverhampton, Leeds — each has done its part handsomely in this remarkable tour, but Glasgow outstripped them all. Yesterday the street demonstrations in themselves marked a new stage in the campaign. The most inveterate opponent of national service could not argue that the streets had been packed with ticket-holders, and all had to acknowledge that it was first and last a popular welcome.

It was the same with the demonstrations tonight. Five thousand people heard Lord Roberts' speech at the St. Andrew's Halls, and there were great crowds to welcome him later in the City Hall and the "Zoo," which have room for more than 4,000 and 8,000 respectively. Even when the message had been conveyed to the audiences in half a dozen picture theatres there was still a huge overflow. Thirty thousand people had made applications for tickets for the meetings tonight. The number is remarkable to those who know anything of the organization of political mass meetings, the most popular form of demonstration in this country. Many of these were without tickets for any of the round of indoor engagements, so they, with thousands of their friends, assembled along Lord Roberts's line of route from Pollok House to St. Andrew's Halls and stood in the rain to cheer him as he passed.

Nobody, of course, would pretend that all the people who came directly or indirectly into touch with Lord Roberts tonight are in complete agreement with his scheme. What is clear is that the personality of the great Field-Marshal and the nature of his mission have at last arrested the attention of the public outside the party walls and compelled its interest, almost in spite of itself. Three thousand Boy Scouts lined the streets in the neighbourhood of St. Andrew's Halls. Seventy picked Scouts and 30 Afghan War veterans — the Alpha and Omega of disciplinary service — formed guards of honour outside the building, and, when Lord Roberts arrived, Corporal Fulton, of the old 93rd, stood forth and sounded the general salute on the bugle which he captured from the Russians at the storming of the Redan in 1855.

Inside the hall, when Lord Roberts appeared on the platform, the old man again sounded his call with a fervent vigour which went straight to the heart of a refreshingly impressionable audience. The speech lasted 40 minutes, and not only did Lord Roberts hold the respectful attention of his hearers, but on at least two occasions he aroused them to outbursts of enthusiasm. The meeting was certainly the finest of the whole campaign, and Lord Roberts's visits to the subsidiary, but still swollen, gatherings rounded off such a manifestation of public interest in his cause as has never been shown before.

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Field-Marshal Lord Roberts VC ("Little Bob" to soldiers all over the Empire) spent the last years of his life campaigning for national service in the army to provide a well trained force for home defence. Although unsuccessful, he roused support throughout the country. He was 80 at the time.

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NEWS

Serbs pile on the pressure

■ The government of Serbia, denouncing plans for a referendum on the Vance-Owen peace plan, intensified pressure on the recalcitrant Bosnian Serbs by threatening to cut all financial and material assistance.

"Reasons no longer exist for further assistance in money, fuel and raw materials," a statement said. The sealing of the borders between Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs has long been a demand of Lord Owen..... **Pages 1, 12, 13, 16, 17**

Nadir makes a cheeky offer

■ Asil Nadir made an audacious offer to the foreign secretary: he was prepared to return to Britain if he was guaranteed freedom of movement. The Serious Fraud Office said it had received an anonymous call on Sunday saying that Mr Nadir was likely to flee..... **Pages 1, 3 16**

Women's victory

Women have won the right to a share of their husband's pensions when they divorce. A High Court judge has paved the way for women to win pension rights when couples' financial assets are divided..... **Page 1**

Virgin issues writ

The dispute between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic flared again when Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, issued sued BA in the High Court alleging breach of copyright and breach of confidence..... **Page 1**

Major defies threat

John Major shrugged off the legal threat to the Maastricht treaty. He told MPs: "We shall ratify the treaty which I signed at Maastricht — no change, no social chapter"..... **Pages 1, 8, 17**

Tooth and purse pain

Dentists' leaders have recommended that their patients should pay the full cost of NHS treatment..... **Page 2**

Fewer TV repeats

ITV pledged to show fewer repeats in its forthcoming autumn and winter schedules, as part of its strategy to fight off growing competition..... **Page 3**

Judge overrules Act

The Lord Chief Justice, overruled the Criminal Justice Act's sentencing provisions when he increased a jail term on a motor cyclist who had run down and killed a policeman..... **Page 5**

Heads give battle

School heads tried to quash an attempt by a Tory council to salvage this summer's national curriculum tests by offering schools extra staff..... **Page 7**

Peking trade at risk

Leaked classified intelligence reports have shown that Peking has been shipping sensitive M11 missile parts to Pakistan. As a result, China may face stiff American trade sanctions from next month..... **Page 10**

Verdict is delayed

Three Britons, held in a Spanish jail for two years until their trial last Wednesday on charges of attempted murder, were told that they must wait until next week for the judge's verdict in their case..... **Page 4**

Clinton fighting back

Bill Clinton, struggling to put his legislative programme back on track, appointed Vice-President Gore's chief of staff, Roy Neel, to his own staff..... **Page 13**

Yeltsin calls for poll

President Yeltsin has called for new parliamentary elections before the end of the year and has promised to purge officials opposed to reform..... **Page 11**

Officers suspended

Five Group 4 prison custody officers have been suspended from duty as police question staff and inmates at the Wolds remand jail following the discovery of an unconscious inmate..... **Page 2**

A marriage has been arranged

■ Mira the tigress has been flown into Britain from Germany for a computer-arranged marriage that could help to save one of the world's most endangered animals — there are only about 400 in the wiled — from extinction. She and her intended mate, Martin, who was London zoo's only tiger, belong to the rare Sumatran sub-species..... **Page 5**



Spring smiles: the Princess of Wales visiting a drug prevention project at Birmingham's Wallace Lawler Centre yesterday

Mortgage study: The Office of Fair Trading has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the £100 million a year mortgage valuation business amid concern that home buyers are not getting a fair deal..... **Page 21**

Fraud threat: City fraud is growing more complex and more difficult to detect, the City of London Police commissioner said..... **Page 21**

Markets: Shares stayed subdued and the FT-SE 100 index of leading shares fell 10.2 to 2,786.3. In the absence of a cut in German interest rates, the foreign exchange was steady: the pound gained .62 cents to $1.5707 and .66 pfennigs to DM2.4804..... **Page 24**

Football: The saga of Brian Clough and his retirement as manager of Nottingham Forest looks like running into extra time; he says he won't go unless club director, Chris Wootton, goes too..... **Page 40**

Real Tennis: "This is tennis as played by kings of Europe for nine centuries ... not counterfeit, artificial or imitation tennis; nor yet of that version of the game performed on grass or hard courts." Clement Freud on the mysteries of real tennis..... **Page 36**

Equestrianism: Marie-Christine Duroy of France went into the lead on Quart du Placineau at the end of the first day of dressage for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy..... **Page 36**

Libby Purves: "I am disgusted to have missed International No Diet day", which was on Wednesday. "Especially as there were a great many almond croissants left over, for once"..... **Page 14**

From Russia with difficulty: Anne McElvoy reports from Moscow on the growing number of East-West love stories, and the problems they run into..... **Page 14**

Hot little number: Vaughan Freeman's road test on the new Citroën ZX Volcane turbo diesel, a hot hatch that proves diesel-engined cars can offer performance motoring..... **Page 35**

Rocking gently: Rock bands have been led back by satellite channel MTV's *Unplugged* programme to performing only with acoustic instruments, rather than high-decibel electronics. Performers are queuing to take part..... **Page 33**

Formal occasions: Visual arts shows include two young British sculptors: David Nash, who works in unseasoned fallen timber, and Alison Wilding, who came close to last year's Turner Prize..... **Page 31**

Country matters: The Chichester Festival Theatre's season has opened with Shaw's *Getting Married*: a not very compelling evening rescued by a good cast, writes Jeremy Kingston..... **Page 32**



Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, is recovering from his illness which became public last month when he missed an important meeting
Page 10



Baroness Thatcher launched the results of a Maastricht treaty survey and said that the government was living in "cloud cuckoo land"
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Graeme Hick made an unbeaten 161 against the Aussies, leading a fightback by Worcestershire after they had been bowled out for 90
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Just wild about Harry

■ On the day that his new piano-and-orchestra work receives its British premiere, Sir Harrison Birtwistle asks if classical music is becoming "aural wallpaper"

Basking in boozy Bordeaux

■ Jane MacQuitty offers part two of her guide to building your own wine cellar — and a "discovering wine" holiday in Bordeaux to whet your appetite

Bates bares his soul

■ A year after the death of his wife, three years after the death of his son, Alan Bates opens his heart to Alan Franks in *The Times Magazine*

TV LISTINGS

The origin of the inch and the yard, the Briton with the biggest pair of feet and the peer who keeps getting run out at cricket — all of them are featured in *Measure for Measure* (BBC2, 9.30pm), a light-hearted series about our obsession with measurement..... **Page 39**

OPINION

No is not an answer

The Bosnian Serbs' vote was tantamount to declaring war on the international community. Nato should continue, with maximum publicity, its military preparations to implement the Vance-Owen plan: there is no question of returning to the negotiating table. And unless all Serb military activity ceases, airstrikes will be needed and are likely to include targets in Serbia proper..... **Page 17**

In the doghouse

Pity the poor consul. In steamy African jungles or the wilder Mediterranean shores of the lager louts, he visits drug smugglers awaiting trial, telephones Britain with messages of death and distress, rescues the victims of fly-by-night travel companies and local robbers. And all he gets is brickbats..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The ridiculous atheist state of Albania had turned the cathedral into a sports arena. But when the tyranny fell, the believers threw out the reminders of the shameful past, washed the whole of the building inside and out, and — oh, how I would have wished to be there — they took down the scoreboard that hung in the nave, and replaced it with the cross of Christ..... **Page 16**

ROGER BOYES

Diplomacy has been exhausted in the Balkans. The Bosnian Serbs were given a political ultimatum; now they should pay the military consequences of rejection. **Page 16**

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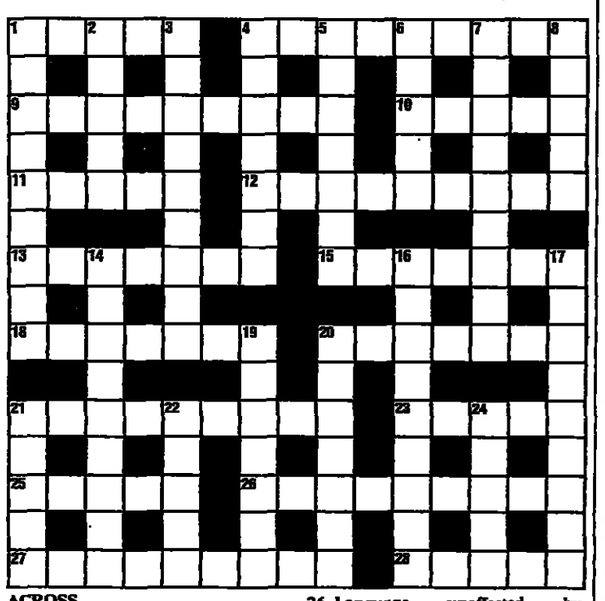
Edwina Currie, MP, on the importance of taking the EC social charter seriously..... **Page 11**

THE PAPERS

After tumultuous debate the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb parliament gave its sentence, a loud and clear "no" ... And now? How will the international community react? To face up to the defiance, it must first of all overcome the division that the prospect of a strategy for war in Bosnia create

— Le Monde

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,224



ACROSS

1 Line added to letter from adviser I forged (5).
4 Move to the pass with expedition (4-5).
9 Boys named Commonwealth statesman (9).
10 Like complete pack of cards or diamonds, originally (5).
11 True ally nothing can budge (5).
12 March air in part of Ireland (9).
13 Tree we'd fashioned into cross (7).
15 Driving badly in capital (7).
18 Days off spent, we hear, to some purpose (4-3).
20 Ferdinand's playing partner takes motorway to golf club (7).
21 Things dropped in old bombing raids, for example (9).
23 Sorry about pie, not altogether nice to eat (5).
25 Lots of weak batsmen call for spinner, perhaps (5).
26 Language unaffected by backwardness in spelling (9).
27 Treatment of one looking down in the mouth? Depression is followed by strain (9).
28 School's pronouncement accepted by consumers (5).

DOWN

1 Way in which gentlemen acquire habits (6,3).
2 Unstable, like scree (5).
3 Infantrymen given discharge, free to travel (9).
4 Put on canvas, like the Ancient Mariner's ship (7).
5 Author takes part in theatre, in scene of children's play (4-3).
6 Part of school or college at Oxford (5).
7 Ascertain which changes may be narrow-minded (9).
8 All the competitors create a record (5).
14 One who advises consumers to decline a shade of red (9).
16 Quiet monarch I name in columns about court (9).
17 Soldier makes a move to protect queen, perhaps (9).
19 Downtrodden type bearing message of welcome, possibly (7).
20 Perform badly and lose, with little change after first half (7).
21 Group of milkmaids, say, starting on cows that approach dairy (5).
22 Fare for Japanese coming from America in vessel that's docked (5).
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Barbads*	30	86	f	Moscow	18	64	c
Barcelna	21	70	f	Munich	11	52	c
Beirut	19	66	c	Nairobi	27	81	c
Belgrade	20	68	f	Naples	20	68	c
Berlin	9	48	c	N Delhi	40	104	s
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N York*	17	63	r
Biarritz	17	63	s	Nice	20	68	s
Borde'x	21	70	s	Oslo	11	52	f
Brussels	14	57	s	Paris	16	61	s
Budapst	23	73	f	Peking	17	63	r
B Aires*	15	59	s	Perth	20	68	c
Cairo	25	77	s	Prague	15	59	f
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Reykjavik	6	43	f
Chicago*	18	64	c	Rhodes	20	68	s
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	12	54	c	Riyadh	32	90	s
C'phagn	10	50	f	Rome	19	66	f
Corfu	21	70	f	Salzburg	18	64	s
Dublin	14	57	f	S F'isco*	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Santiago*	12	54	r
Faro	19	66	s	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Florence	23	73	s	Seoul	13	55	c
Frankfurt	9	48	r	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	17	63	c	St'kholm	20	68	s
Geneva	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Sydney	19	66	r
Helsinki	21	70	s	Tangier	20	68	c
Hong K	29	84	c	Tel Aviv	20	68	s
Innsbruck	16	61	f	Tenerife	21	70	f
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tokyo	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Toronto*	15	59	r
L Palmas	18	64	c	Tunis	14	57	r
Le Touqt	14	57	s	Valencia	24	75	s
Lisbon	17	63	c	Vancvr*	13	55	f
Locarno	14	57	d	Vienna	18	64	s
London	11	52	f	Warsaw	24	75	f
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'ton*	24	75	f
Luxembg	15	59	c	Wel'nton	17	63	s
Lyngr	31	88	s	Zurich	11	52	c

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F): min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 40 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 13.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,028.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Morecambe, Lancashire, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Fife Ness, Fife, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, Grampian, 0.19in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, Gwynedd, 14hr.

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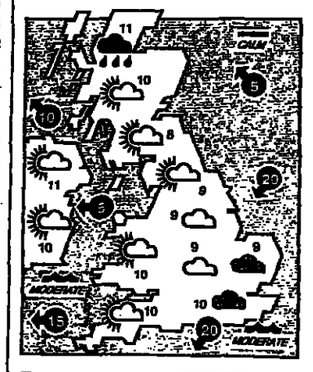
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Aberdeen	1.0	0.20	14	57	rain
Anglesey	14.0	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	0.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	3.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Birmingham	12.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	13.6	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemouth	12.9	-	13	61	sunny
Bridlington	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	13.6	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	12.0	-	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.6	-	12	54	sunny
Cromer	13.1	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	13.7	-	13	55	sunny
Edinburgh	0.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	1.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	12.6	-	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	13.2	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	13.6	-	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Guernsey	11.9	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	13.4	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	13.9	-	11	52	sunny
Isle of Man	12.5	-	14	57	sunny
Jersey	12.4	-	13	55	sunny
Kinloss	1.2	0.07	15	59	rain
Leeds	3.5	-	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	4.5	0.07	13	55	shower
Littlehampton	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Liverpool	10.5	-	16	61	sunny
London	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	11.5	-	11	52	sunny
Manchester	6.3	-	16	61	sunny
Margate	13.0	-	13	55	sunny
Morecambe	7.6	-	17	63	bright
Newcastle	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	9.6	-	16	61	sunny
Penzance	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Selcombe	13.2	-	13	55	sunny
Sandown	12.9	-	14	57	sunny
Scarton Snd	13.0	-	16	61	sunny
Scarborough	3.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Scilly Isles	13.0	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	12.9	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	13.2	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	8.5	-	13	55	sunny
Swanage	13.1	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	13.4	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	12.0	-	14	57	sunny
Tiree	4.4	-	12	54	sunny
Torquay	13.8	-	15	59	sunny
Wick	3.9	0.09	13	55	bright
Worthing	12.8	-	15	59	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.12
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.05	49.65
Canada $	2.113	1.953
Denmark Kr	10.13	9.330
Finland Mkk	9.09	8.29
France Fr	8.85	8.13
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.77	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.065	.985
Italy Lira	2385.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	180.25	171.25
Netherlands Gld	2.945	2.715
Norway Kr	11.07	10.27
Portugal Esc	240.80	222.80
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.35
Spain Pta	187.25	174.25
Sweden Kr	12.00	11.20
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	15700.0	14700.0
USA $	1.665	1.535

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.34 pm to 4.22 am
Bristol 8.43 pm to 5.32 am
Edinburgh 9.04 pm to 5.16 am
Manchester 8.48 pm to 5.23 am
Penzance 8.50 pm to 5.48 am

Sun rises: 5.22 am
Sun sets: 8.34 pm
Moon sets 5.55 am
Moon rises 10.38 pm

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YESTERDAY

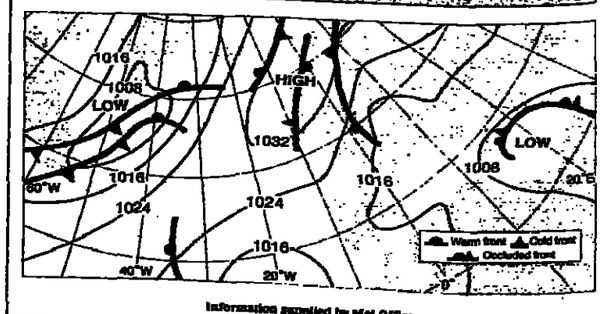
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	s	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'mngham	12	54	s	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	14	57	s
Bristol	13	55	s	London	11	52	f
Cardiff	14	57	s	M'chester	12	54	c
Edinburgh	14	57	f	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	17	63	f	Rhdeway	12	54	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.9	7.2	3.36	7.2	Liverpool	12.25	9.7	12.47	9.6
Aberdeen	2.37	4.2	2.59	4.3	Lowestoft	10.56	2.5	11.16	2.6
Avonmouth	8.45	13.5	9.8	13.6	Margate	1.5	4.8	1.39	4.8
Belfast	12.15	3.5	12.37	3.6	Milford Haven	7.41	7.0	8.3	7.2
Cardiff	8.30	12.4	8.53	12.5	Newquay	5.31	7.2	6.53	7.2
Devonport	7.21	5.6	7.41	5.6	Oban	7.5	4.0	7.27	4.0
Dover	12.6	6.8	12.30	6.7	Penzance	6.17	5.7	6.39	5.7
Falmouth	6.51	5.4	7.11	5.4	Portland	8.17	2.2	8.43	2.2
Glasgow	2.17	4.6	2.25	4.7	Portsmouth	12.33	5.0	12.58	4.9
Harwich	1.5	4.1	1.31	4.0	Shoreham	12.19	6.4	12.46	6.5
Holyhead	11.48	5.7			Southampton			12.22	4.8
Hull	7.41	7.6	8.3	7.7	Swansea	7.46	9.8	7.6	9.8
Ilfracombe	7.27	9.4	7.49	9.5	Tees	4.57	5.5	5.23	5.5
King's Lynn	7.58	6.8	8.15	6.9	W'ton-on-Nze	12.56	4.3	1.24	4.2
Leith	4.1	5.6	4.28	5.7					

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A jump in bad debt provisions took its toll on full-year profits at Bank of Scotland, but the bank claims to have turned the corner
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THE POUND

US $ .....1.5707 (+0.0082)
German mark..2.4804 (+0.0066)
Exchange index.....80.7 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2786.3 (-10.2)
Dow Jones .....3447.71 (-1.39)*
Nikkei Avg...20823.03 (-296.15)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5⁄16%
US Federal Funds..... 2⁷⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.86-2.84%*
Long Bond..... 6.80%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	...1.5705*	£:$	.....1.5705
$:DM	.1.5785*	£:DM	...2.4798
$:SWfr	.1.4200*	£:SWfr	...2.2273
$:Flr	...5.3220*	£:Flr	....8.3620
$:Yen	.110.21*	£:Yen	...173.11
£:SDR	..1.1012	£:ECU	..1.2683

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 356.10 ..... PM 356.50
Close 355.70-356.20
New York:
Comex 356.95-357.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

City fraud becoming 'more complex'

By Jon Ashworth

FRAUD in the City is growing more complex, and it is just a matter of time before a new headline case emerges, according to senior police officials.

Owen Kelly, the City of London police commissioner, told a meeting in London yesterday that it was impossible to give an absolute guarantee against instances of fraud.

However, he said: "The City is still a very, very safe place to do business."

Unveiling the 1992 City of London Police annual report, Commissioner Kelly said a number of officers were being taken off fraud enquiries in favour of anti-terrorist activities, but said the disruption was minimal.

Richard Knevett, the head of the fraud investigation department, said fraud was growing more sophisticated as financial institutions resorted to more complex systems.

His department is leading the Maxwell and Bank of Credit and Commerce International enquiries in conjunction with the Serious Fraud Office.

New cases of City fraud fell 19 per cent last year. The most significant reduction was in the area of banking fraud, which declined from 68 per cent to 50.5 per cent.

The total amount of money lost or at risk fell from £946.8 million to £514.7 million, of which £493 million was recovered or saved.

However, the figures exclude the BCCI enquiry, which involves worldwide assets of $14 billion, and the £2 billion Maxwell investigation. The collapse of the Wallace Smith Trust, a small merchant bank, is also excluded.

The number of fraud-related arrests declined from 155 to 129. There was a swing towards more global cases, with 70 per cent of the new cases involving enquiries overseas.

In a case last September, a City finance house was the subject of a £5 million forged telex transfer fraud. The stolen money was routed through Germany and Switzerland before being credited to bank accounts in Turkey. Two men were later arrested on a flight from Turkey carrying £2.2 million in cash.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



'A very safe place to do business': police commissioner Owen Kelly at the Guildhall yesterday offering reassurance about fraud

Mortgage valuing to be scrutinised

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE £100 million a year mortgage valuation business has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director general of fair trading.

The valuations that will be investigated are those carried out on behalf of lenders to secure loans but are paid for by mortgage applicants. The MMC enquiry will look at agreements and practices in the making or procuring of mortgage valuations, and at charges for valuations.

In recent years, lenders have moved towards using in-house valuers or panels of valuers and surveyors. Previously, many lenders were defrauded by crooked valuers who overvalued properties or put in valuations on non-existent properties.

Sir Bryan said: "I am concerned that lenders have little incentive to keep down the cost of the service, because the cost is passed on. And I am concerned that borrowers have little opportunity to keep down the charges they have to pay because of restrictions on their ability to shop around."

Lenders usually choose valuers and reports are sent to them directly. In some cases, customers can choose from lists of local names selected by lenders. Typically, borrowers are charged £125 for valuations on properties up to £50,000; charges rise, on a sliding scale, to £405 on properties worth £500,000.

■ **Britain's Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate the fees charged by mortgage lenders for valuations which are tied to their customers' loans**

The investigation follows "a great many complaints" to the Office of Fair Trading from valuers and surveyors, and from housebuyers. It is argued that the practices of certain lenders restrict the ability of some surveyors to compete and limit housebuyers' choice.



Sir Bryan: concerned

Up to 90 per cent of homebuyers rely on valuation reports alone and do not pay for more detailed appraisals of the properties they are buying. Those who do commission full surveys, however, want to use surveyors of their choice for both, to cut costs. Currently, two different reports often have to be prepared. The OFT has also received complaints about the increasing cost of valuations and about the fact that lenders are unwilling to accept surveys already done for potential borrowers. Surveyors allege that they lose valuation business if they cannot also introduce potential borrowers to lenders.

Concern has been voiced about negligent overvaluations; on the other hand, many recent mortgage applicants have complained that current valuations are too pessimistic because valuers are worried about losing business from large lenders, or of being sued by lenders for negligence.

The MMC will look at whether such practices give rise to a complex monopoly situation. Under the Fair Trading Act, a "complex monopoly" exists if at least a quarter of goods or services of a particular description in the UK, or any part of it, are supplied by members of the same group. If there is such a monopoly, the MMC will investigate whether it operates against the public interest.

At one time, lenders' valuation reports were kept secret from borrowers, but in the 1970s they started being shown to homebuyers. They have been used by some buyers to pursue valuers in court for compensation

The MMC referral was welcomed by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, which said the investigation would "clarify a difficult subject and confirm that mortgage lenders' procedures are both prudent and reasonable".

The referral comes as the signs of a housing market recovery are getting stronger.

TML chief 'not quitting'

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

TRANSMANCHE Link, the Anglo-French consortium building the Channel tunnel, has been forced to deny persistent rumours that Jack Lemley, its chief executive, is about to resign.

A spokesman for the consortium insisted that there was "no question" that Mr Lemley, who has been spearheading difficult negotiations with Eurotunnel, the tunnel operator, over cost overruns, would be leaving.

A spokesman for one of the five British builders said Mr Lemley had the full support of the contractors and the TML board. TML insiders suspect the rumours may be part of a "dirty tricks" campaign aimed at putting pressure on the contractors to settle their dispute with the operator.

Rumours of Mr Lemley's impending departure have been linked with this week's decision by Joe Dwyer, chairman of George Wimpey, to stand down as the British chairman of TML to spend more time running his own company. He was replaced by Neville Simms, chief executive of Tarmac.

But Mr Lemley is determined to see the much-delayed project through to completion. One TML source said: "You would need dynamite to get him out of there, and golden dynamite at that."

Although Mr Dwyer left after a showdown with Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, over the increasingly bitter dispute on costs, the two matters are not thought to be linked.

The contractors are calling for a payment of £1.45 billion for the fixed works on the tunnel. Sir Alastair has accused them of blackmail in delaying the opening.

The relationship between the two has become increasingly strained, not least because the contractors must, from August, begin to fund work without further financial support from Eurotunnel.

Altitude sickness on the high plateau



ANTHONY HARRIS

One lesson that every financial journalist has to learn from painful experience is this: never ask a trader why prices are doing whatever they are doing. Or at least, never rely on the answer; it is either obvious, or just a rationalisation, expressing the meaningless old belief that "the market is always right". All that traders actually know is that buyers or sellers are setting the pace. The more exposed the market values, the sillier the rationalisations become.

Which brings me to what Tracy Herrick, of Jeffreys, a firm of Atlanta stockbrokers, has christened the high plateau theory. This is the fashionable rationalisation among US fund managers of the present, highly stretched, valuations on Wall Street. The theory explains that prices have been driven to these levels by low and steady short interest rates (which make savings accounts unrewarding), falling bond yields and rising profits. As long as these helpful trends persist, the argument runs, the price level can be supported.

This theory is helpful in one respect — it explains why Wall Street shows a tendency to rise on bad economic news. Interest rates are likely to remain low, and bonds to go on rising, as long as the economy remains weak: so bad news is good news if investors think that these are the most important numbers. But you may also think that investors who think like this are riding for a fall. The theory implies that the market will be weak on good economic news; which is, after all, what we are now seeing in London, even at its less exposed altitude.

The only sound basis for high value is a high level of expected profits growth, as a correspondent reproachfully reminded me this week in *The Times*. But this truism needs to be handled with caution, too. You must distinguish, as the high plateau theory fails to do, between a trend change, which could drive the market up and up, and a step change, which achieves only a change of level.

The relief to all indebted companies from falling debt service costs is a step change, not a trend change; and it could easily be partly reversed. The same goes for the improvement in margins of British-based companies thanks to sterling devaluation. If you rely on these helpful changes to drive profits up indefinitely, you are likely to be disappointed. You should also beware of market forecasts of profits; these can all too easily be rationalisations — expectations themselves driven by share prices. This puts cause and effect back to front.

Durable profits increases can, however, be secured from rising output, which gives fuller employment to capital, or from better management of costs. The British news here is strikingly good. The recovery becomes clearer every day, and growth forecasts for 1993 rise weekly: estimates for the first quarter (when we did not even know that we had turned the corner) have now risen to an annual growth rate of 2.5 to 3 per cent, which would leave the Treasury looking silly again, but liking it for once.

What is more, unit labour costs have *fallen* by 2.4 per cent in the past year, an ideal combination of higher competitiveness (and profitability) and lower inflation. This is, in fact, a further devaluation in real terms, but without any of the usual risks. On an insular view, the case for an equity boom looks unusually solid. The main dangers are not, for once, at home, but overseas.

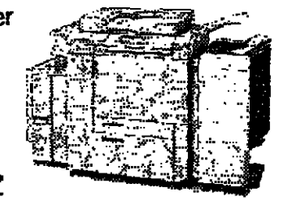
Most are familiar. The deepening recession in the rest of Europe and the faltering recovery in the US imply that competitive pressures on profit margins are still increasing. British companies are much more happily placed, but may find that they are running under Red Queen rules — you have to go as fast as you can to stay in the same place. The political scene has seldom looked less reassuring; which explains the firmer gold price much more convincingly than any fanciful inflation threat. And Wall Street could fall off its high plateau at any time, taking us with it.

If the world stabilises, we are left with the largely disregarded threat to profits of rising competition from the emergent economies. Real growth rates are near 10 per cent in Argentina, Chile, Malaysia and China, to name just a few. Fancy high risk and high rewards?

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BP shares climb as debt action takes effect

■ *Under pressure to reduce debts and stem a cash outflow, BP's restructured management expects to have cut costs by $700 million by the end of this year*

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BP SHARES rose 10p to 306p yesterday after the debt-laden oil group revealed better than expected first-quarter results and said it was on course to achieve cost cuts and debt repayment targets.

David Simon, chief executive, again ruled out a rights issue as a quick way of cutting its debt. The company reduced it to $14.5 billion, or 94 per cent of shareholders' funds, in the first quarter, from $15.3 billion (99 per cent) at the end of 1992 and a $16.3 billion peak in the middle of 1992.

However, disposals brought in £677 million, without which BP would have suffered a £78 million cash outflow before financing. Mr Simon says it is a "close call" whether the company is cash positive in the second quarter because of a previously announced $630 million tax settlement, for which provision has already been made. Gains from disposals are also expected to dry up in the second quarter before flowing in again during the third.

In the first quarter, BP made net income of £325 million, including £76 million of stock profits, against a £61 million loss in the first quarter of 1992, which took account of £156 million of stock losses. Stripping out stock profits and losses, the company improved from £193 million in the final quarter of 1992 to £249 million in the first quarter of 1993. The dividend is held at 2.1p for the quarter out of earnings before stock losses or gains of 6p, up from 2.5p in the fourth quarter of last year and an improvement on the 1.1p losses seen in the first quarter of 1992.

This time last year the dividend was 4.2p but was halved after Robert Horton, chairman and chief executive, resigned in June. His departure was followed by cost cuts and disposals, which, BP said, were intended to remove $1 billion a year from debts, take $1 billion a year out of costs by 1995 and still leave $5 billion for capital spending.

At the time, BP had costs of $10.7 billion, which Mr Simon says should be cut to $10 billion by the end of 1993.

BP expressed surprise that global volumes of refined products were up 6 per cent and that gas was up 2 per cent. Oil volume remained steady at 4.8 million barrels. This helped to counter lower margins on downstream products and chemicals. Crude oil prices are expected to remain around present levels and oil and gas production is expected to be similar to 1992. Refining margins may improve in the second quarter because of a seasonal increase in demand. Chemicals are expected to remain depressed by overcapacity.

In the first quarter, exploration and production held steady against the fourth quarter of 1992 at £516 million. Refining and marketing rose from £117 million in the fourth quarter to £124 million. Chemicals losses recovered from £22 million in the fourth quarter of 1992 to £14 million. Nutrition fell from £20 million to £15 million.

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Rights wrong: David Simon, who again ruled out a cash call to cut BP's debt

Inveresk heads for market

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE prospect of acquisitions in the depressed European paper industry is bringing Inveresk to the stock market with a probable price tag of about £75 million. Less than three years ago, the speciality paper business was bought out of America's Georgia-Pacific Corporation for £31 million.

Ingram Lenton, the chairman, said: "We feel that a delay could deprive us of opportunities for developing the business." Acquisitions in northern Europe are likely after share dealings start on the Stock Exchange on June 2.

Inveresk yesterday published its pathfinder prospectus; financial details will be announced on May 20. Directors and management, who can expect to speak for some 30 per cent of the company after the flotation, intend to retain more than four fifths of their existing holding.

In the past three years, Inveresk has invested £10 million in its four paper mills, redeemed £4 million of its preference share capital and repaid all of the £21.7 million debt raised to finance the buy-out. The company got out of the bulk paper market in November, in favour of higher-value specialities, including product labels and writers' and artists' materials.

Production is running at 25 per cent below capacity and could be increased by 35 per cent if needed by a shift to seven-day working, said Stefan Kay, the managing director.

Investors braced for vital vote at Clarks

BY JON ASHWORTH

MORE than 1,000 shareholders of C&J Clark, the privately-owned West Country shoe group, are due in Somerset today to vote on proposals to sell the troubled company to Berisford International.

The Berisford bid, which values Clarks at £184 million, has been approved by a majority of the Clarks board. But rebel members of the Clark family, answering for up to 40 per cent of the shares, aim to reject the bid in favour of a stock market flotation.

In an appeal to shareholders, Berisford has given warning of "stark consequences" of rejecting its offer of 239p a share. The Clarks shares, valued at 100p, were once worth more than 400p, but more competition from foreign suppliers and restructuring costs have taken their toll. Pre-tax profits collapsed from £20.4 million to £1.7 million in the year to end-January. Factory closures and redundancies cost £13 million last year.

John Sclater, chairman of Berisford, said the offer was the best available from any source. He said: "Without Berisford, Clarks faces a bleak future with a divided leadership."

Berisford has pledged to build on the strength of Clarks' brands, including K Shoes and Ravel, without stripping the company of its identity. It has indicated that it will bring outsourcing back to Britain and is prepared to sell up to £85 million of assets to provide fresh funds.

Rebel members of the Clark family, led by Hugh Pym, an ITN reporter, say a stock market flotation would be preferable. A public listing would create a liquid market for Clarks shares and provide an opportunity to raise funds for development.

The family dispute at Clarks burst into the open late last year when the rebels attempted to unseat Walter Dickson as chairman. At a meeting in Glastonbury in October, the company announced it was in talks with potential suitors. Berisford emerged as the favoured choice before Easter.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bellway on target for increased house sales

BELLWAY, the housebuilder which raised £34 million from its shareholders in February, increased pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £5.8 million in the six months to end-January. The company said it was on track to achieve its forecast of 2,200 units sold and full year pre-tax profits of £16 million. Turnover increased from £52 million to £56 million, with 833 units sold compared with 698, in the same period last year. Bellway has exchanged contracts over £35 million of land since the rights issue and intends to increase the number of plots with planning permission from 7,000 to 8,000 by the end of July.

The company is paying a maintained interim dividend of 4p per share and is forecasting an increase in the final payout of 0.5p to 8p. Earnings per share for the six-month period were up 7 per cent to 7.8p.

Benjamin Priest bought

BENJAMIN Priest, the West Midlands engineering components group acquired by International Marine Holdings of America in 1990, has been bought back from its US parent by a management team led by John Ainsworth, managing director, Paul Horrell, finance director, and Richard Miles, the new chairman. Industry experts estimated that the deal was worth in the region of £20 million. The group had turnover of £60 million in 1992.

Fewer receiverships

THE toll of administrative receivership appointments and administration orders fell to 255 in April — the lowest level since December 1989, according to Touche Ross, the accountant. Receiverships for the first four months of 1993 totalled 1,442, sharply down from 1,948 in the corresponding 1992 period. Christopher Morris, of Touche Ross, said: "There remains little doubt that the underlying better trend is continuing."

Zeneca timetable set

THE London Stock Exchange is to allow dealings in "when issued" ICI and Zeneca shares from 2.30pm on May 12, after the terms of the £1.3 billion Zeneca rights issue have been announced. Last week it insisted broker Salomon Brothers close a "grey market" in ICI and Zeneca shares in case the market forced the terms of the cash call. Official dealings in Zeneca will begin on June 1, following Britain's biggest and most complex demerger.

Matthews 'to improve'

PROFITS at meat and poultry processor Bernard Matthews are expected to improve this year. Trading conditions for whole turkeys and commodity meats have improved because of sterling's devaluation. However, the group, which suffered a 75 per cent fall in pre-tax profits for 1992 against 1991 because of low-price imports, expects to make "substantial losses" in France this year due to increased advertising and start-up costs, said the chairman Bernard Matthews.

Amex in Swedish bid

AMERICAN Express is offering about Kr865 million (£79 million) for Nyman & Schulz, the Swedish business travel agency, which has more than 50 per cent of its domestic business travel market and 40 per cent of the market for group and conference travel. The agency has 200 offices and 1,700 employees. It made a profit after financial items of Kr96.4 million in 1992, against Kr 91.8 million in 1991, on sales of Kr 7.34 billion, up 3 per cent from 1991.

Uncertainty at T&N

T&N, the engineering company, said the year had started well, with the UK operation benefiting from strong export demand, but the outlook remained uncertain due to a downfall in the European automotive markets for which it is a major components supplier. The board had approved a $25 million investment at the company's plant in Indiana and expected to complete the recent acquisition of Goetze in Germany soon.

Judge backs Gillette

GILLETTE appeared to pass the last regulatory hurdle blocking its purchase of Parker Pens when a US federal judge overruled a justice department injunction to stop the $450 million deal, saying the government was "not likely to succeed on the merits after a full trial". Gillette said the ruling meant the acquisition could go through unless there was an appeal. A justice official said the department was considering its options. Gillette expects to complete the acquisition tomorrow.

Property group advances

JAMES Smith Estates, the property investment company, increased pre-tax profits 22 per cent to £1.4 million in the year to March 24, after a rise in gross rental income from £2 million to £2.4 million. A revaluation of properties showed a 12 per cent decline to £24 million. The decline in capital value depressed net assets per share from 133p to 114p. Earnings per share rose from 5.1p to 6.3p and the dividend for the year is 4.2p, up from 3.75p.

Strong & Fisher upbeat

STRONG & Fisher, the sheepskin processor, told its annual meeting it was cautiously optimistic about the company's trading performance. Its first quarter was on plan at the pre-tax level, despite lower interest rates which hit earnings from the company's cash balances. Demand for quality leather was strong, particularly in North America, and action taken to reduce capacity late last year should ensure the firm's tannery operates close to full capacity for the 1993 season.

Merger of Co-op retailers urged

BY DEREK HARRIS

MERGING of the two biggest retail operations in the Co-operative movement to create an organisation with annual sales of almost £5 billion was urged by Harry Moore, chief executive of Co-operative Retail Services (CRS).

A merger between CRS and its bigger sister, the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), has long been mooted but attempts to get agreement have failed.

Mr Moore, who reported a profits surge by CRS over the past year, said there had been no resumption of talks between the two organisations. But he added: "I am convinced that such a merger is the ultimate long-term solution." It would remove duplication and produce a subtantial business.

The possibility that a merger could again become a live issue is strengthened by the fact that co-operative retailing — still fragmented, with 60 independent retail co-ops — faces intense competitive pressures that are bound to grow.

Despite that, CRS, with £1.3 billion of annual sales, boosted pre-tax profits by 40 per cent, to £31.1 million, in the 12 months to January 31. CWS, by contrast, recently reported its first loss for more than 20 years, though that was mainly because of the cost of rescuing two ailing retail societies.

CWS has heavy borrowings but CRS, in the past 12 months, has cut its gearing to 27 per cent of funds, compared with 58 per cent the year before, net cash flow having improved.

CWS is the Co-operative movement's biggest retailer, as well as a supplier of goods and services to the others. CWS's sales are almostthree times as great as those of CRS.

A merger of CRS, the second largest Co-op retailer with a fifth of Co-op trading, and CWS, with 30 per cent, would concentrate half of co-operative retailing in the hands of a single organisation.



Moore: long-term solution

Japan's trade surplus hits record

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

THE rapid rise of the yen magnified Japan's trade surplus to record levels both in the month of March and in the fiscal year to March 31. The trend may contine for the time being, economists said.

The current account surplus swelled to $126.1 billion in the year, the finance ministry said. "We were expecting a record, but the increase was larger than expected," said Nobuyuki Saji, economist at Nikko Research Centre. "Nothing can be done to keep the surplus from continuing to rise, at least in the first half of this fiscal year."

Economists see a danger of a "negative spiral", as increasing surpluses build pressure for a higher yen, further enlarging the surplus in dollar terms and retarding recovery in Japan's economy, suppressing the appetite for imports.

Seasonal factors boosted the surplus in March, as Japanese corporations closed their books for the fiscal year, booking their investment income and revenue for services, economists said.

In theory, over the medium to long term, a strong yen should reduce Japan's trade surplus by raising export prices and lowering import prices. But initially, the yen's appreciation increases the surplus because it exaggerates the dollar value of Japan's exports, about 40 per cent of which are yen-denominated.

"The current-account surplus will continue to rise on a year-on-year basis in the near term," said Yoshiki Masui, economist at Tokai Bank.

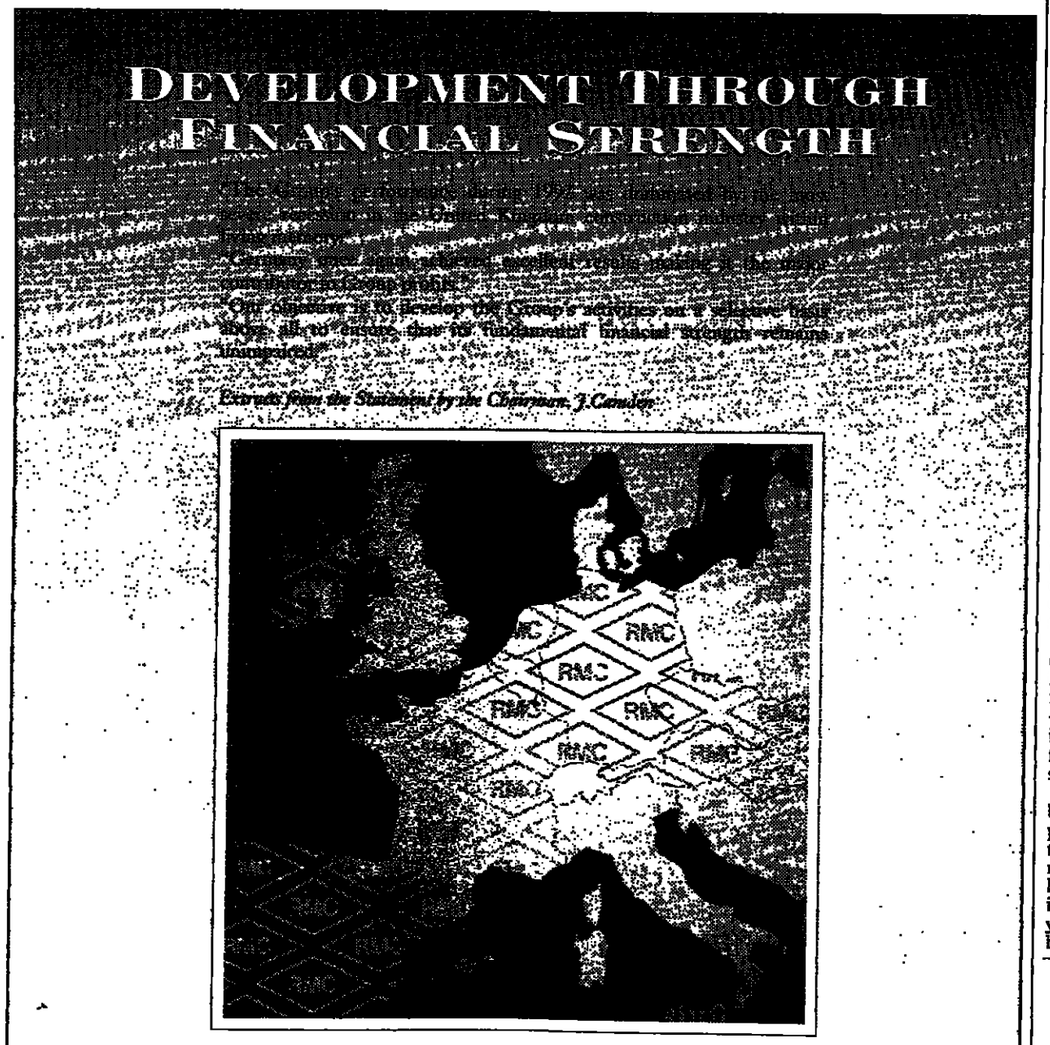
The yen has appreciated more than 10 per cent from a year ago, when the average closing rate was Y132.75 to the dollar. The yen's average closing rate in Tokyo was Y117.02 in March, and Y120.97 in February. The dollar fell as low as Y109.15 in New York on April 27.

Japan's Ministry of Finance says it is not sure whether the current account surplus will continue to grow fast. "It all depends on price factors, including exchange rates," a ministry official said.

Economists said the weakness in imports resulting from the sluggish economy was unlikely to improve until Japan's latest Y13.2 trillion package took effect later this year and business activity revived. "The peak of the trade surplus is still ahead of us, since the economy has yet to recover," Nikko's Mr Saji said.

He said it could be difficult to reduce Japan's surplus immediately even if Japan took big steps to open up its market or overcome structural problems, since the size of the surplus was too large.

Japan won general endorsement of stable currencies at the April meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries, but the meeting reached no specific agreement to tame any further rise in the yen.



SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS

	1992	1991
TURNOVER	£3,140.2m	£2,797.7m
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£166.6m	£167.4m
EARNINGS PER SHARE	31.2p	36.0p
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	20.0p	20.0p

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Cadbury's code aims to open the door on directors' pay


Sir Adrian: "full and clear disclosure"

Pay is a sensitive subject. And the headline-hitting potential of directors' pay ensures a degree of sensitivity bordering on the paranoid when boardroom contracts are on the agenda.

New guidelines on disclosure are on the way. From July 1, companies listed on the London Stock Exchange will have to reveal to shareholders in their annual reports whether they meet the standard of best practice set out by Sir Adrian Cadbury's committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance — and if not why not. Boards are scurrying to comply, for instance by setting up audit and remuneration committees of non-executives. Shareholders are unlikely to be much the wiser.

Much of the code's formal part is concerned with directors' contracts. They should not be for more than three years unless shareholders specifically approve, and there should be "full and clear disclosure" of directors' total emoluments, including pension contributions and share options. The code says: "Separate figures should be given for salary and performance-related elements and the basis on which performance is measured should be explained."

There are clear gaps. Severance arrangements will in practice continue to be discretionary at the time and decided by other directors who have the closest interest in ensuring that departures are comfortable and blame-relative. Many non-executive directors of big companies are executive directors of another company or became available for such work after losing their career jobs, perhaps after a takeover bid.

The £2.4 million compensation for the departure of Chris Greentree, former chief executive of Lasmo, is thought to be less than his full contract terms, but undoubtedly reflects his good work in the past as well as more recent disasters befalling the oil group. Boards that agree such deals would still recall in horror at the idea of down-the-line wages being decided by an independent panel of trade unionists.

Companies with good lawyers and accountancy advisers will still be able to draw a veil over elements that might prove embarrassing. After all, the Stock Exchange already has listing arrangements insisting that service contracts be available at annual meetings. Unilever, regarded as an upright top company, still managed to remove most relevant information on pay, pensions and severance terms when it displayed "contracts" this week. Coats Viyella, another top name, likewise did not reveal pay rights but only, as required by law, earnings over the past financial year.

Such behaviour is against the spirit of the Cadbury code but does not appear to be against the letter. That would surely also apply to further legislation in this area. Even where incentive deals are outlined, they may serve only to frustrate inquiring shareholders as well as the merely curious.

The annual report of RTZ, the international mining group, revealed that directors' bonus payments had risen from £108,000 to £160,000 in 1992. A helpful note showed that bonuses are related to RTZ's earnings per share, which have fallen sharply since 1989, but also to personal performance. The entire bonus for 1992, it explained, was for personal performance. When a shareholder questioned this at the annual meeting on Wednesday, Sir Denys Henderson, non-executive chairman of RTZ's remuneration committee, retreated to the formula that the company needed to attract, motivate and retain the best talent available.

One problem is that remuneration packages are constantly being changed to exploit the latest tax concessions and loopholes. Another is that embarrassing special deals are arranged near retirement for top executives recruited in their fifties. Most of all, star businessmen who think they deserve high payments simply do not want the public — including investors — to know just how high these sometimes are.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT
Financial Editor

Chairman of EGIT demands response

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE chairman of the London-listed East German Investment Trust (EGIT) has pledged to take up allegations of problems concerning the trust's investments in east Germany with the finance ministry in Bonn, main supervisor for the Treuhand privatisation agency.

Despite reports of problems, based on guidance from the Treuhand headquarters in Berlin, Dr Rudolf Escherich, chairman of EGIT, the biggest international investor in east Germany, told *The Times* at EGIT's Lombard Street offices yesterday that he had "never had any complaints from the Treuhand".

He was speaking after a meeting of directors, including Sir Christopher Tugendhat, the Abbey National chairman, and Dr Olav zu Ermgassen, head of Ergassen & Co, the merchant bank that manages the trust.

Although the meeting was formally to discuss EGIT's annual meeting on May 17, much attention was devoted to the bad publicity the DM160 million trust has been getting.

Dr Escherich, clearly disturbed about potential damage to EGIT's reputation arising from conflicting signals from the Treuhand over the trust's investments, said he intended to "provoke" a response from the German authorities to make clear the agency's position. "I will demand a response at the (finance) ministry," he said.

EGIT is 23 per cent owned by Norwich Union. After resolving problems concerning the trust's investments in the building and property sectors earlier this week, the Treuhand indicated that investigations had been started into problems involving other EGIT investments.

A Treuhand spokesman said the "current fires have now been put out". But it is understood that some Treuhand officials still harbour doubts about elements of the management and certain deals with EGIT.

High street boost as consumers become bolder

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ Money supply figures for April raise some questions about the pace of recovery in Britain but they do provide further evidence of a robust consumer sector

THE government's latest money supply statistics suggest the consumer is becoming bolder in spending cash and even borrowing on credit cards, contributing to a steady upward trend in activity on the high street.

Provisional figures for M0, the narrow measure of money supply, grew at an annual rate of 4.8 per cent in April, slightly down on the 4.9 per cent recorded in March, but growing above the government's "monitoring" range of 0 per cent to 4 per cent for the third month.

Final figures for M4, the broad measure of money supply that includes bank and building society lending, grew at an annual rate of 3.6 per cent in March and there was a £1.3 billion fall in the M4 class of lending as companies paid back borrowing.

It has long been noted by the government that these measures are telling different stories about the strength of activity. However, March at least saw small signs of a pick-up in broad money. The rise in M0 in April was more subdued than predicted. John Marsland, of UBS, said the figures "should add a much needed note of caution to recent euphoric pronouncements on the pace of recovery".

But other economists said that the slight fall in M0's annual growth rate did not change a picture of expanding consumer activity. Nigel Richardson, of Yamaichi International Europe, noted that credit card demand had risen 1.8 per cent over the last three months after falling in the third and fourth quarters of last year. Other economists had argued that M0 has been so buoyant partly because people were paying back credit card debts and using cash, but, he said, this no longer seemed to hold water.

Mr Richardson also noted that the trend of M0 was very buoyant with annual growth over the last three months of 8.8 per cent, more than twice the growth permitted by the monitoring range. He said: "These figures clearly point to a robust consumer sector."

The Central Statistical Office said its coincident index, which measures current economic activity, turned upward again in March after hesitating in the autumn, another indicator suggesting expanding activity.

Sterling ended higher with its trade weighted index closing at 80.7, up from 80.4, despite the fact that the Bundesbank, as expected, left its official rates unchanged. The Bank of France went ahead with a cut in its key intervention rate to 8 per cent from 8.25 per cent and in its five to ten-day repo rate to 9 per cent from 9.25 per cent.

DENZIL McNEELANCE


Trying times: Ray Curran, chief financial officer of Jefferson Smurfit, who says that the group had a difficult year

Bad debt provisions dent Bank of Scotland results

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRUCE Pattullo, governor of Bank of Scotland, said there were clear signs that the recession was over. Small and medium-sized firms were enjoying a marked upturn.

He said provisions against bad and doubtful debts had probably peaked and could be expected to fall this year. The bank's pre-tax profits for the year to February 28 fell by 11 per cent, to £125.3 million. They were depressed by a 45 per cent increase in bad debt provisions, to £371.7 million.

Mr Pattullo said the figures reflected the fact that customers had been weakened by three years of recession. The downturn had moved into Scotland and asset values in the South had fallen again.

The bank does not give a breakdown of its bad debts, but Mr Pattullo said that, although "visibility tends to be of the big public problems, the real problem for banks has been the multiplicity of really small problems".

Six accounts required provisions of £5 million or more each: Lilley, the builder, and Isosceles, the supermarket group, are believed to be among them. Bank of Scotland has increased its dividend for the year by 5.1 per cent, to 4.57p, and Mr Pattullo takes pride in the fact that it has, unlike other banks, covered its dividend during three difficult years. "We have never encroached on reserves and we have continued to increase the dividend."

The bank's profits fell by 23 per cent, to £75.2 million. Its lending portfolio expanded by 12 per cent to £15.4 billion. Mortgage lending increased from £4.1 billion to £4.9 billion and margins widened. Net interest income rose by 18 per cent, to £679.6 million. Non-interest income was 16 per cent up at £326.5 million.

NWS Bank, Bank of Scotland's finance house, increased pre-tax profits from £55.1 million to £64.6 million. Mr Pattullo said NWS was "very good at controlling arrears, a skill you have to have if you are going to do well in a recession".

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Turning the corner: Bruce Pattullo sees signs of upturn

Jefferson Smurfit hit by soft markets

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

JEFFERSON Smurfit Group, the Irish-based international paper and packaging company, has blamed weak prices and soft markets for a 21.3 per cent setback to Ir£123.9 million (£122.1 million) in pre-exceptional and pre-tax profits earned in the year ended January 31.

A £28.4 million exceptional charge, largely connected with an associate company's operations in Spain, left pre-tax profits at Ir£95.5 million (Ir£157.5 million), although the year's total dividend rises from 3.537p to 3.74p a share.

Ray Curran, chief financial officer, said that it was a year of considerable difficulty. The main markets in North America and Britain continued in recession. The Irish Republic went through a debilitating currency crisis, while the economies of continental Europe, led by Germany, headed into a decline.

The Latin American markets showed positive growth, and the group ended the year with net cash balances of Ir£150 million. There had also been some evidence of a higher order intake in Britain in the past three to four weeks.

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Pension funds' annual conference

Labour urges more control for employees

BY LIZ DOLAN

EMPLOYEES must be allowed more control over company pension funds, Donald Dewar, the Labour party's social security spokesman, told pension fund managers in Harrogate yesterday.

Addressing the annual conference of the National Association of Pension Funds, he told delegates, who, between them, control well over half of the country's £400 billion pension assets, that pensioners were becoming increasingly angry and concerned about the cavalier way in which employers treated surpluses.

"Many pensioners do not understand why they should not receive at least some of the benefits of such surpluses. If the burden of contribution is shared, surely the employee also has the right to share the fruit of successful investment."

Mr Dewar added: "The current regime does not treat pension funds as though members owned them. Instead, it mystifies the operation of funds and far too often allows them to be treated as though they were owned solely by the employers."

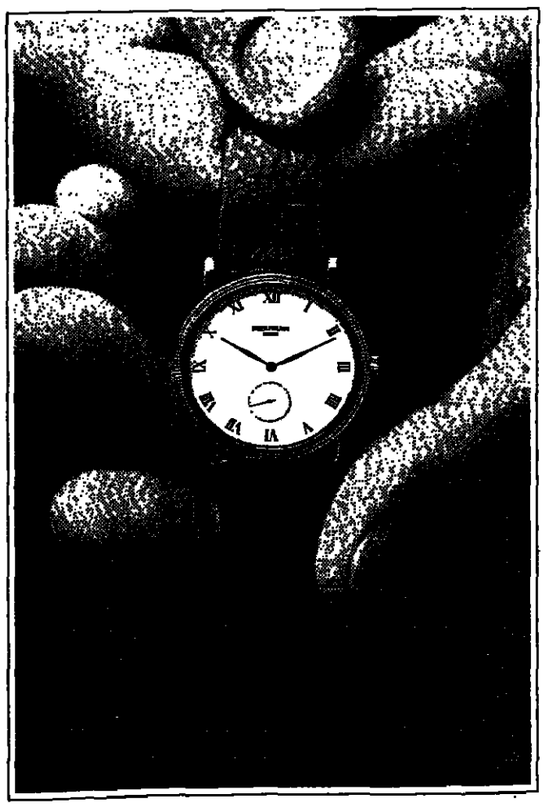
Mr Dewar said he that was particularly concerned about proposals under consideration that the government should use assets belonging to British Rail pensioners and employees to fund soaring public sector borrowing requirement commitments, leaving all future pensions to be met out of taxpayers' money. Robbie Gilbert, of the CBI, later told delegates that employers who were denied control of surpluses, while still carrying the obligation to pick up any shortfall that might emerge after the surplus had gone, were faced with two choices. Either surpluses would have to be avoided as far as possible by very tight funding, or employers would show a greater tendency to withdraw from final salary schemes altogether.

Mr Dewar also called for employees to be more strongly represented on trustee boards. "If members own funds, they have a right to adequate representation," he said. But the CBI dismissed the need for trustees to be drawn from employees, pensioners or from a wholly independent source. Much more important was the proper education of all trustees and the necessity to emphasise their obligations to act independently.

Both speakers agreed that the industry should establish some sort of compensation fund in the wake of the Maxwell fraud. However, Mr Gilbert said that compensation should be limited. This was partly because "responsible schemes" that limited benefits or raised contribution levels in the face of financial difficulties might be cross-subsidising their more profligate counterparts.

He said: "There is a very real fear that if no loss can result, you are simply presenting the motivation for all of those who need to behave in a disciplined and responsible manner to be lax and irresponsible."

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Oil agency says Opec output has fallen

The West's International Energy Agency (IEA) said it estimates that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' crude oil output fell last month to 24.1 million barrels per day (bpd) from 24.36 in March.

Data in the IEA Monthly *Oil Market Report* implied a call on oil from Opec in the April-June quarter before any stock change of 23.9 million bpd. This is up by 100,000 from the IEA data last month. The data also says the likely third quarter 1993 call on oil from Opec and stocks will be 24.2 million bpd.

Coats confident

Coats Viyella, the textiles group, has had a good start to the year with results in line with expectations. Sir David Alliance, chairman, told the annual meeting that 1993 would be a year of financial progress as cost reductions and business integrations paid off.

Pubs bought

Maple Leaf Inns has bought 15 public houses from Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and five from Allied Irish Banks, taking its total to 179.

Bentalls board

Michael Pickard, former chief executive of Sears, the retailing group, is joining the board of Bentalls, the department store company, from June 7.

News changes

Two new directors of advertising have been appointed in a restructuring of News International's advertisement sales department. Clive Milner becomes director of advertising for News Group Newspapers, responsible for *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *Today*, which becomes a subsidiary of NGN; and Camilla Rhodes is appointed director of advertising for Times Newspapers, responsible for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. David Walsh, commercial director of *Today*, is to take up a senior advertising position with TNL.

STOCK MARKET

Grey market go-ahead for ICI and Zeneca shares

AN OFFICIAL grey market in shares of ICI, which is to be demerged soon, will be launched next Wednesday.

Trading in both ICI and Zeneca, the bio-science operations being floated from the group, will start at 2.30 pm to coincide with the start of trading on Wall Street. A market will also be made in ICI shares in the present form. They closed 4½p lower at £12.59 yesterday.

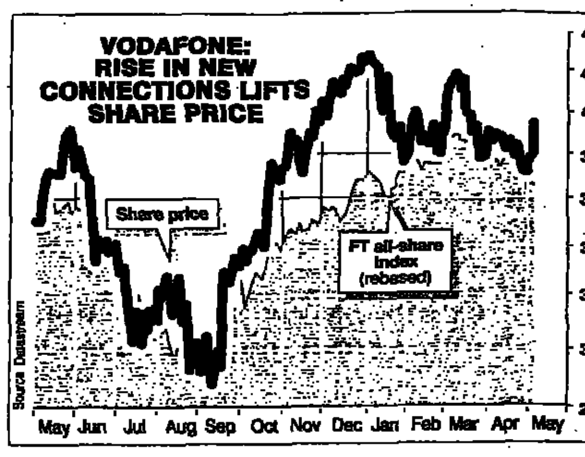
An unofficial grey market in all three categories of shares initiated by Salomon Brothers, the New York-based securities house, was ended last week after pressure from the Stock Exchange and Zeneca's financial advisers.

As part of the demerger process, Zeneca intends to raise £1.3 billion by way of a rights issue. The grey market operated by Salomon had seen the Zeneca share price fall steadily, making it difficult to price the proposed issue.

The rest of the equity market had a lacklustre session. Attempts at a rally soon ran out of steam, with further weakness in the future and an absence of new time support for the account starting on Monday, leaving prices to drift. The FT-SE 100 Index ended, down 10.2 points, at 2,786.3, with 681 million share traded.

Reuters climbed 14p to £12.58 in response to a buy recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker. Redland made further headway after this week's change of heart by Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, with a rise of 7p to 475p.

British Airways ended ½p firmer at 278p in spite of learning that Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic had issued a writ after the failure of talks aimed at resolving a dispute between the companies. Further writs are expected to be issued. The latest writ alleges infringement of copyright and breach of confidence. At the same time, BA has confirmed that its passenger load factor slipped 3.5 points to 67.6 per cent last month. Cargo operations also declined.



Wellcome shrugged off recent weakness, with the price climbing 18p to 747p helped by buying in America. The company made a presentation to American fund managers and brokers this week on research and development.

Vodafone, the mobile telephone operator, continued to make headway, with a rise of 15p to 395p. It still drawing strength from the announcement earlier this week that it had made a record number of new connections. Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman, said the group had attracted an additional 35,000 customers in March, the biggest monthly rise since May 1990. The shares have risen 21p in the past two days.

BP responded to better than expected first-quarter figures with a rise of 6½p to 302½p. Historic net profits were up from £61 million to £325 million, boosted by a £76 million stock surplus and a £39 million profit arising from disposals. But the group said that trading in 1993 was expected to remain difficult although cost-cutting measures would result in higher profits.

The speculators gave United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawford's food group, their best shot as the price touched 425p before eventually closing 1p firmer at 421p. Persistent talk that Cadbury Schweppes wants to make a bid is now wearing thin. Sir Graham Day, the Cadbury chairman, certainly gave no indication that this was the case at Wednesday's annual meeting. Cadbury finished 9p off at 453p. Geest clawed back some of this week's sharp losses that stemmed from a profits warning, rising 15p to 381p.

Bank of Scotland marked time at 138p after posting a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £140.7 million to £125.3 million. The group blamed a 45 per cent rise in bad debt provisions to £371.7 million. Royal Bank of Scotland, which unveiled better than expected figures on Wednesday, eased 1p to 266p. The rest of the banks were marked lower, with Barclays falling 6p to 422p, HSBC, 7p to 584p, Lloyds, 5p to 516p, National Westminster, 2p to 457p, Standard Chartered, 7p to 726p, TSB Group, 5p to 176p and Abbey National, 3p to 391p.



Sir Ernest: connections up

T&N, the automotive parts group, painted a bright picture of prospects at the annual general meeting. The group said the current year had started on an encouraging note, with improved performances from its British and American operations. Sir Colin Hope, the chairman, said domestic operations were benefiting from strong export demand. But he gave a warning that prospects in Europe remained uncertain. Shares were unchanged at 180p.

Bristol Evening Post, the regional newspaper group, held steady at 345p as takeover hopes faded. David Sullivan, publisher of the *Sunday Sport*, has reduced his 10.2 per cent holding in the company, worth almost £6 million, to below the declarable 3 per cent level. Three years ago, Mr Sullivan was blocked from gaining control of the company by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

MICHAEL CLARK

Tomkins fell 12p to 224p on talk of a large line of stock overhanging the market. Greg Hutchings, the chairman, will be meeting selected brokers next week to discuss current trading. They will no doubt ask for a progress report on the Ranks Hovis McDougall acquisition. The company is said to be reluctant to discuss the situation.

TOKYO

Nikkei suffers a holiday hangover

Tokyo — Shares ended sharply lower on profit-taking, mainly by brokerage dealers, after last Friday's big gains. Most investors were adopting a wait-and-see stance after the golden week holidays, but the underlying bullishness was still intact, brokers reported.

A big four brokerage dealer said: "We are expecting a lot of corporate results in the coming weeks that are not expected to look very good, and the market had to see a pull-back before pressing further up." The Nikkei average fell 297.15 points, or 1.42 per cent, to 20,622.03.

The market see-sawed all day, mostly in negative territory, after opening firmer and soon succumbing to profit-taking. The Nikkei briefly rose to a high of 20,941.97 and brokers said it was only a matter of time before the it cleared the 21,000 mark. It last traded above 21,000 on March 6, 1992.

Turnover was about 600 million shares compared with 650 million on Friday. Advancing shares led declining issues by five to four.

The key gainers were the property, credit/lease, mining, communications, shipping, shipbuilding, oil, construction, railway/bus and electrical power sectors. The main declining sectors were the gas, fishery, brokerage, airline, pulp/paper, rolling stock, non-life insurance, ceramic, vehicle and steel sectors.

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares finished lower as investors switched among blue chips and to second and third-liners, brokers reported. The Hang Seng index fell 33.81 points, or 0.50 per cent, to close at 6,795.52.

□ **Sydney** — Australian shares surged as investors poured into the banking sector and gold stocks continued to perform. The all-ordinaries index closed, up 17.2 points, at 1,691.9.

□ **Singapore** — The market was closed for a holiday. It reopens today. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

Dow quiet ahead of payroll figures

New York — Wall Street shares were mixed in early trading, but analysts said that little significant movement was likely before the publication today of last month's payroll figures.

The market was also hesitant while awaiting further comments from the White House on the Bosnian situation. Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president at Reich and Co, said: "Stocks are barely higher and the market is going nowhere fast."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.60 points to 3,445.50. Advancing shares outpaced declining issues eight to seven. Prudential Securities upgraded its rating on Buckeye Partners from hold to buy. Shares in Buckeye Partners were up ¼ to 32¾. Gruntal Securities raised its fiscal August 1993 and 1994 earnings estimates on Micron Technology, a report from the brokerage said. Shares in Micron were up ½ to 24⅞.

□ **Frankfurt** — Shares are expected to remain in a narrow trading range as players wait for incentives to bring the market out of its paralysis. The Dax index closed 0.1 point higher at 1,623.26, off a high of 1,635.08. Shares were further hit by the Bundesbank's decision not to cut key interest rates. *(Reuter)*

	May 6 midday	May 5 close
AMP Inc	62	61
AMR Corp	68	67
Abbott Labs	27	28
Aetna Life	52	53
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	55	56
Alcan Alumnm	18	18
Alco Standard	48	47
Allied Signal	64	65
Alum Co of Am	64	64
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	54	54
Amer Brands	31	31
Amer Cyanamid	52	53
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	67	68
Amer Intl	131	132
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	57	57
Ameritech	74	75
Amoco	54	54
Anheuser-Busch	48	48
Apple Computer	53	54
Archer Daniels	23	24
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31	32
Asarco	18	19
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	125	126
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	56	55
Baker Hughes	27	26
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	54	55
BankAmerica	46	46
Bank of NY	52	53
Bankers Tr NY	71	71
Barnett Banks	42	43
Bausch & Lomb	52	53
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dicknsn	36	35
Bell Atlantic	52	52
BellSouth	51	52
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	34	35
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	27	27
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	26	26
Burlington Nthn	55	54
CBS	239	236
CNA Financial	96	97
CPC Intl	44	43
CSX	73	72
Campbell Soup	40	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	527	529
Cpd Holdings	39	40
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	68	68
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	87	86
Chrysler	42	42
Chubb Corp	90	90
Cigna Corp	61	61
Citicorp	27	27
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate-Palmolive	60	61
Columbia Gas	21	22
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	49	50
Comp Ass Intl	25	25
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	53	52
Cons Rail	52	52
Cooper Inds	46	46
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	38	37
Dana Corp	49	49
Dayton Hudson	69	69
Deere	58	59
Delta Air Lines	57	58
Deluxe Corp	45	45
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	46	46
Dillard Dept St	39	38
Disney (Walt)	38	39
Dominion Res	44	44
Donelley (RR)	27	27
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	54
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	20	21
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Brdstreet	58	58
Du Pont	53	53
Eastman Kodak	49	49
Eaton Corp	88	88
Emerson Elec	58	58
Engelhard Corp	33	33
Enron Corp	60	59
Entergy Corp	34	35
Ethyl Corp	28	29
Exxon	65	64
FMC Corp	44	43
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	49	49
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First Chicago	39	39
First Interstate	55	56
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Ford Motor	56	55
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	31	30
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	92	92
Gen Mills	66	67
Gen Motors	40	41
Gen Reinsurance	117	117
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	36	35
Georgia Pac	64	63
Gillette	53	53
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	45	46
Goodyear Tire	37	37
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Great Wstn Fin	17	17
Halliburton	39	39
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	73	74
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	76	76
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake	16	15
Honeywell	35	34
Household Intl	69	70
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	9	9
ITT Corp	83	83
Illinois Tool	71	71
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	102	101
IBM	48	49
Intl Flav & Fr	115	114
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	44
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	59	59
Kerr-McGee	52	52
Kimberly-Clark	49	50
Knight-Ridder	57	56
Lilly (Eli)	51	51
Limited Inc	22	22
LIN Brdcstng	87	89
Lincoln Nat	79	78
Litton	60	59
Liz Claiborne	35	36
Lockheed Corp	65	65
Louisiana Pac	63	64
MCI Commun	48	47
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	91	90
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	73	72
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	40	41
McDonalds	48	49
McDonnell D	64	63
McGraw Hill	59	60
Mead Corp	44	45
Medtronic	68	68
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	46	46
Merck Inc	37	38
Merrill Lynch	70	69
Minnesota Mine	113	113
Mobil Corp	70	70
Monsanto	52	53
Morgan (JP)	67	67
Motorola Inc	78	77
Natl Medical	8	8
Natl Semi	14	14
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	30	31
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	48	48
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	69	69
NL Industries	3	4
Nordstrom	31	31
Norfolk Sthrn	61	60
Nthn State Pwr	45	46
Norwest Corp	51	51
Nynex Corp	83	83
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	38	38
Oryx Energy Co	23	23
Owens Corning	38	38
PNC Financial	38	37
PPG Industries	73	73
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	18	17
Pac Enterprises	24	23
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	46	49
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramnt Comm	58	57
Parker Hannifin	39	38
Penney (JC)	44	45
Pennzoil	64	65
Pepsico	37	37
Pfizer	69	70
Phelps Dodge	49	49
Philadel Elec	25	25
Philip Morris	48	48
Phillips Pet	28	29
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	35	35
Price Co	35	35
Primerica	45	45
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	34	34
Quaker Oats	67	66
Ralston Purina	49	48
Raychem Corp	42	42
Raytheon	57	57
Reebok Intl	32	32
Reynolds Metals	43	42
Roadway Srvcs	58	57
Rockwell Intl	32	32
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	89	88
Rubbermaid	32	32
Safeco Corp	59	58
St Paul's Cos	87	88
Salomon Inc	36	35
Santa Fe S Pac	15	15
Sara Lee Corp	25	26
Scecorp	28	28
Schering Plough	66	67
Schlumberger	63	64
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	30	29
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	53	53
Sherwin Wlms	33	33
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	35	35
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	76	76
Sprint Corp	30	31
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	29	29
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	31	32
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	68	68
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	30	29
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	18	19
Temple Inland	44	44
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	64	65
Texas Inst	65	64
Texas Utilities	47	47
Textron	47	47
Time Warner	33	34
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	37	38
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	28	28
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	134	133
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	19	19
Unilever NV	112	112
Union Camp	44	44
Union Carbide	19	20
Union Pacific	63	63
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	21	21
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	37	37
US West	42	42
United Tech	51	49
Unocal Corp	32	31
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	48	48
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	73	74
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32
Wells Fargo	104	105
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	42	43
Whirlpool	53	52
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	55	56
Woolworth	30	31
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	33
Xerox	74	76

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
ADT	585p (+15p)
Sappi	462p (+16p)
Betterware	272p (+12p)
MAM	466p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Standard Chart	722p (-12p)
Volex	375p (-10p)
Dalepak	195p (-10p)
Takeda Chem	787p (-14p)
GKN	461p (-13p)
Boots	436p (-10p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Agg (25)	30	+1
David Brown (70)	216	...
Fleming Emerg Mkts	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	+¼
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	146	...
Holliday Chem (195)	214	...
Oriental Smlr Co Wts	40	...
Pilkington Warrants	36½	...
Quality Software Prods	485	-5
Regent Inns (135)	148	-2
Stagecoach (112)	120	-3
Westminster Hlthcre	284	...

BRITISH FUNDS

RALLYING by Government securities proved short-lived, with prices again losing ground in thin trading.

In fact, the rally never really began, with brokers reporting a lack of support on the back of weak European bond markets. It had already been anticipated that yesterday's meeting of the Bundesbank would leave German interest rates pegged at current levels.

Further weakness on the futures market ahead of next week's expected announcement of another gilt auction dragged conventional issues lower. The June series of the Long Gilt finished more than £½ down at £103¹¹/₁₆ in modest trading that saw 34,000 contracts completed.

At the longer end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 17 ticks to £103²⁷/₃₂, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 softened seven ticks to £109⁵/₁₆.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¾% 1993	101	...	12.34	5.70
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.88
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 †	...	13.19	5.72
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.84
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.58	5.94
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	...	12.61	5.94
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	...	9.60	6.06
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.60	6.21
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103 xd	...	8.66	6.23
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.01	6.40
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.13	5.35
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.53	6.52
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113 xd	-	11.20	6.70
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.93	6.88
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.51	7.01
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 xd	-	11.35	7.02
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109 †	-	9.16	7.03
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.12	7.27
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	110	-	9.48	7.20
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	-	8.28	7.18
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.71	7.47
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.92	7.35
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.22	7.16
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.86	7.12
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	133	-	11.58	7.70
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118 †	-	10.12	7.79
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	-	8.75	7.62
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.19	7.87
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113 †	-	9.29	7.74
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112 †	-	9.11	7.77
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.43	7.71
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.31	8.12
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.99	8.03
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 xd	-	11.17	7.82
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.85	8.16
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99 †	-	8.05	8.09
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	-	8.96	8.28

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	-	9.74	8.30
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69	-	5.01	7.53
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	-	8.70	8.38
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.79	8.40
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 xd	-	9.89	8.62
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.17	8.32
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.75	8.59
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	-	8.47	8.45
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.09	8.64
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	-	8.62	8.47
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.34	8.51
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	-	8.67	8.57
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	-	8.67	8.58
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.50	8.28
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.39	8.52
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130 †	-	9.22	8.60
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	-	8.65	8.62
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	-	8.66	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.66	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.63	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.28	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.64	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	132 †	-	...	1.31
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	1.92	2.68
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.49	3.07
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	-	2.87	3.21
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160 †	-	2.99	3.28
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	3.13	3.41
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-	3.12	3.34
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150	-	3.33	3.53
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	-	3.40	3.58
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	-	3.47	3.63
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	-	3.53	3.68
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	-	3.58	3.71
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	-	3.61	3.74
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	-	3.63	3.76

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DATED this 29 day of April 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. BLAND, DIRECTOR.

Edwards & Co (Twickenham) Ltd Registered Number: 289033. Nature of Business: Electrical Contractors. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 30 April 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: L A Manning & J P Phillips, (office holder nos: 6477 & 2630) of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Laurel Goodman Ltd
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held: at the offices of Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS on Monday the 17 day of May 1993, at 11 00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section (98)(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Melvyn L. Rose FCA, of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS.
Dated this 30 day of April 1993
By Order of the Board
L. GOODMAN, Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
SOSNA LIMITED
Nature of business: Motor Vehicle Body Repairs. Trade classification: 42. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23rd April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Yeldon and Michael Stevenson (office holder nos: 7283 and 8154. Address: Smith & Williamson No. 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

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FEELER CNC LIMITED
Registered Number: 2713929. Trading Name. FEELER CNC LIMITED. Nature of business: Manufacturers and dealers of engineering Equipment. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 29th April 1993. Name of person appointing Administrative Receivers: Clifton Fabrics Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: David Emanuel Merton Mond and Lawrence Ian Freedman, Office Holder Numbers: 0/0002340/01 and 0006749/01 Of Hodgsons, Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

Guardplan Contracting Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & co. Situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 17th May 1993 at 12 00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 30th April 1993
Paul C. Coker, Director

CBC ACQUISITIONS LTD
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Arthur Andersen, Room Large E, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Wednesday the 16 of June 1993 at 3pm for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. A copy of the report is available, free of charge, on written request to the Joint Administrative Receivers at Arthur Andersen P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
DATED this 27 day of April 1993
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Joint Administrative Receivers

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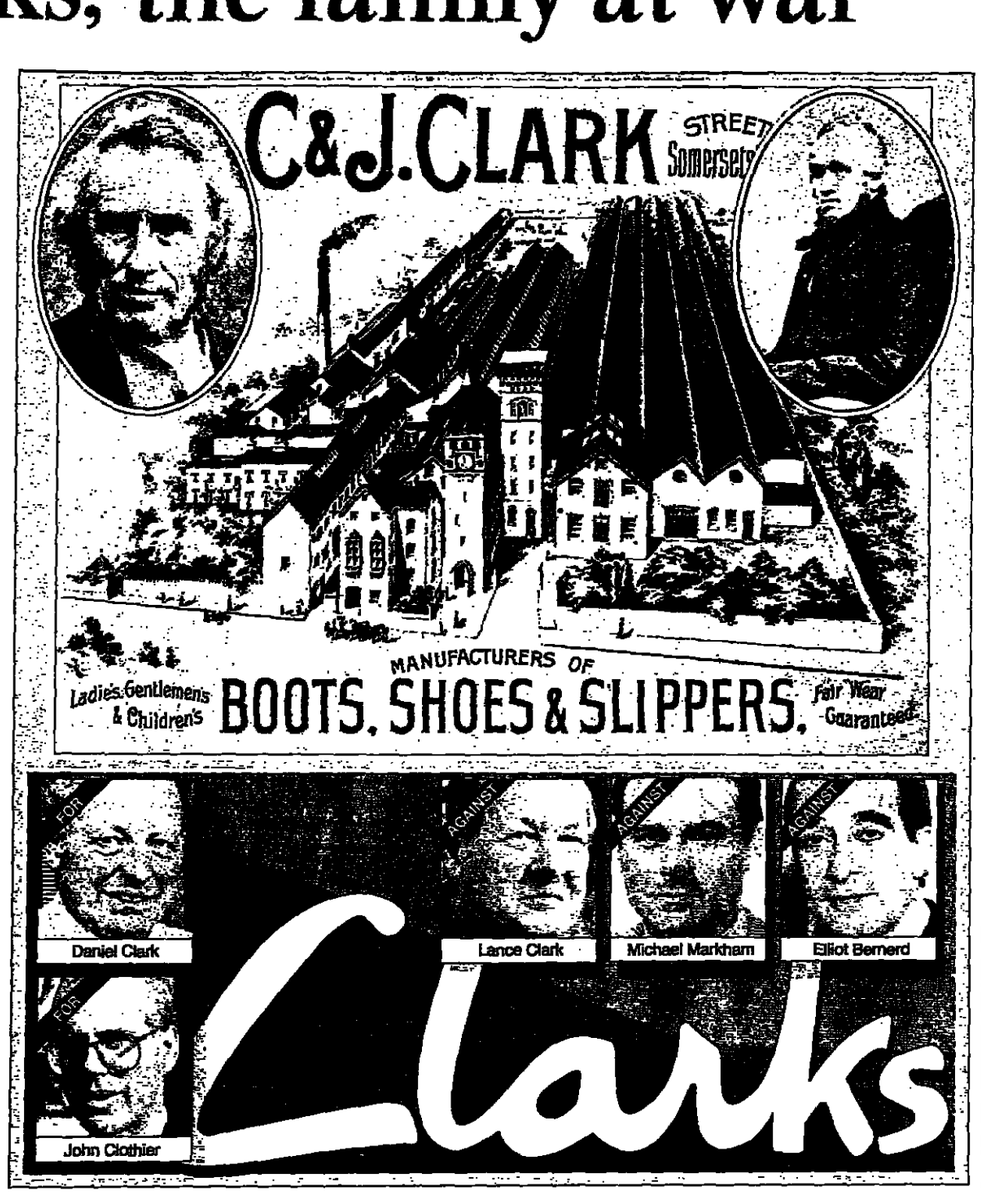
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Rebels dog the footsteps of Clarks, the family at war

Shareholders at Clarks Shoes decide today whether to sell the company. **Jon Ashworth** examines the acrimony behind the vote



It reads like a parable. Two humble brothers build a shoe-making company based on thrift and hard work, and see it grow to reach all corners of the globe. Their seed multiply to create a great family basking in the glory of their spoils. But avarice divides the ranks, pitting brother against brother and father against son. They sell their company to a willing buyer, only to realise that they have lost forever a tradition that money cannot replace.

Today, in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, shareholders of C&J Clark will vote on whether to sell their strife-torn company to Berisford International. There is every likelihood that they will end the day more confused than ever. If the 4,100 shareholders vote "yes", the parable will be self-fulfilling: they will gain their money but lose their heritage. If they vote "no", the monster that Clarks has become will lumber on, teetering this way and that while the various family factions bicker among themselves.

Not a happy scenario, particularly for the employees of this great British company who watched in horror as the long-running dispute among members of the intensely private Clark family exploded into the open. Television scriptwriters would have a wonderful time with this tale.

The cast of characters includes Cyrus and James Clark, the Quaker brothers who founded the company in Street, near Glastonbury, in 1825. There is Lance Clark, head of the rebel family faction, and Walter Dickson, the non-family chairman, whose plans for the company have horrified some members. There is Michael Markham, a self-professed City "troubleshooter" and his friend Elliot Bernerd, the property developer, who have been advising the rebels.

There is even the ghost of Jan Smuts. His daughter, Catharina Petronella Smuts, married Bancroft Clark who ruled the company with a rod of iron for 33 years. Their son, Daniel, took over as chairman and chief executive in 1973 and remained at the helm until his resignation in 1986 — forced to step down as the quarrel over Clarks' waning fortunes gathered force.

For a company that was lucky to rate a paragraph in the national press a year ago, Clarks has become a media favourite. It is easy to forget that it is still a private company — one of Britain's largest after Littlewoods. Last autumn's row, in which the family rebels failed to have Mr Dickson removed from the board, sent newspapermen into a frenzy. Street, a mecca for shoe buyers from all over the UK, became a mecca for journalists who knew a good story when they saw it. Bemused locals could only lean on their shovels, so to speak, and watch the antics.

When shareholders gathered in Glastonbury last October to vote on the rebel proposals, they were greeted by a sad spectacle. Rebels and loyalists sat at the same table, facing a crowded hall, and confessed that they were unable to get along. The only solution was a change of ownership. The rebel motion was pushed to one side and the directors and their advisers went off to lick their wounds.

The nub of the Clarks dilemma is simple. Profits have dwindled since the mid-1980s and the rate of the slump has accelerated alarmingly. In the year to January 31, turnover rose to £625 million (£594 million) but pre-tax profits collapsed from £20.4 million to £1.7 million. Earnings per share were 0.6p (17.8p).

The value of the privately held shares has tumbled from more than 400p to just 100p, as at April 27. The 1992 dividend was cut from 7.5p to 3.75p.

Unlike a public company, shares cannot be traded freely, and this log-jam has caused intense frustration among the 500 family members who hold about 70 per cent of the shares. The remainder of Clarks is divided equally among institutions, employees and family trusts.

The hunt for an "exit route" for shareholders has dominated discussions in the Clarks boardroom. An early plan was to have a consortium led by Electra Investment Trust take a controlling stake as a "friendly" parent. This would give shareholders a chance to sell without stripping Clarks of its identity. But this was far too simple. Naturally enough, shareholders want to get as much money back on their investments as they can. So Clarks went up for auction and a host of bidders came forward.

Just before Easter, it came down to a choice between FII, a supplier of shoes to Marks and Spencer, and Berisford International, the former sugar group now re-formed as a financial holding company. Berisford emerged as the favoured choice for most of the Clarks board but the terms of its bid — 239p a share — have angered many shareholders and opened old wounds. In a nutshell, they want more money.

The only way Clarks might come close to realising a higher return would be to go for a full stock market flotation, and this is what the rebel camp is calling for. Since the rebels answer for up to 40 per cent of the Clarks shares, their voice is too important to ignore. Meanwhile rebel leader Hugh Pym, an ITN journalist and family member, leads a group called "Shareholders Opposed to Enforced Sale" — or SHOES.

Today's vote is straightforward: to accept or not to accept the bid. But the proceedings will be anything but peaceful. More than 1,000 shareholders are expected to turn up, and it is likely that many of the Clarks will be among them. Journalists and television crews are descending on Shepton Mallet from all over Britain.

Clarks is an international company with a famous brand name. Children from Sydney to the Cape grew up wearing Clarks sandals. Many brands are involved, including K Shoes, Ravel and Clarks Shoes in the UK, and Bostonian in America.

Today, in Somerset, the company reaches the most poignant milestone in its 168-year history. Whichever way the dice rolls, life at Clarks will never be the same.

TEMPUS

Legal's argument

WHEN one of Britain's leading investment managers calls for an extra point on gilt-edged yields to compensate for the increasing inflation risk, the Treasury should take note. The government has a great deal to lose from a fall in the gilt market. That would increase the cost of servicing the bonds it will issue between now and December by an eighth, or at least £400 million.

Admittedly, Legal & General is merely making a forecast and it is as fallible as any other in the City. The fact that the forecast comes from an institution that manages funds of £22.5 billion, and is one of the leading bidders in the monthly gilt auction, does, however, give it considerable bite.

Naturally, L&G could be accused of trying to talk the market down in order to gain higher yields at auction time. It could also be justifying its own investment decisions, since it has already turned 5 per cent of its managed pension assets into cash, and reduced the average maturity on the remaining portfolio. Nevertheless, the Treasury should take note of L&G's arguments, especially since the insurer's main concern is government policy rather than obvious inflationary pressures. L&G argues that the government's refusal to set firm monetary targets, and its use instead of a range of six indicators, will be useless in the face of inflationary pressures if and when they re-emerge.

In reality, L&G is calling for more openness in economic policy. The Treasury appears to have exchange rate and interest rate policies but will not articulate either in case they are tested by the market. This will only cause continued uncertainty, the main cause for the 50 basis point fall in long gilt yields since the Budget. Some *glasnost* is needed in Gt George Street, or L&G's expensive prophesies could become self-fulfilling.

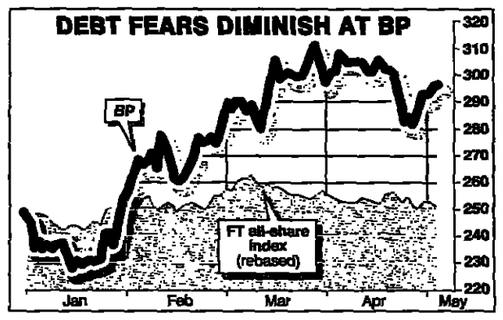
BP

TALK of a BP rights issue will not fade, however strenuously David Simon denies it. When a company has debts of almost £10 billion, which are proving difficult to shift with speed, the market assumes that, sooner or later, shareholders will foot the bill.

Mr Simon is achieving the goals he fixed when he became chief executive of BP last summer. Disposals brought in £677 million during the first quarter and are likely to generate far more this year than the original £1 billion target.

BP's cash flow is still far from healthy. Before disposals there was still a £78 million outflow in the first quarter, despite a £115 million fall in capital spending. In the second quarter, the outflow will rise due to a heavy tax bill in Alaska and a lull in disposal proceeds. A sharp rise in oil prices and economic activity would ease the debt squeeze more quickly but, without help from the oil market, BP can only hope that its target of $1 billion in annual cost savings will be enough to ensure cash flow becomes positive once again. If the company succeeds and debts fall to nearer £7 billion within the next 18 months, it could justifiably say it had achieved its objectives and deserved shareholders' support. A rights issue of more than £2 billion would then not be far away.

Otherwise, the group may not have the resources to exploit its new Colombian fields in the second half of the decade.



Bank of Scotland

BRUCE Pattullo, governor of the Bank of Scotland, once said he thought he was banking on a different planet from the Midland. That feeling persists in the bank's figures.

Bank of Scotland is not undertaking any large-scale redundancy programme since there is no need for one. The bank already has a cost/income ratio of 51.5 per cent, ten points lower than the best of its main competitors. Few British banks, meanwhile, can boast they have covered their dividend throughout the past decade. Bank of Scotland's decision almost 20 years ago to capture business in England through non-branch delivery systems, such as electronic home terminals, is still keeping it in excellent shape.

Admittedly, the 77 per cent rise in bad debt provisions from the first to the second half of the year does not fit with such a management success story. Recently the bank has had to make a run of large provisions, including Lilley and Isosceles, in the winter. This should be an aberration from an otherwise sound credit policy.

Even though asset growth will be slow this year, profits should improve sharply as bad debts decline. On a forecast dividend of 4.85p, the shares yield 4.4 per cent, only 0.1 of a point less than Barclays. Either the latter has been wildly overbought, or here is quality on the cheap.

Jefferson Smurfit Group

HARRODS, thank heavens, still provides paper carrier bags for its customers. But Jefferson Smurfit has found to its sorrow that in a recession, most of the world can do with fewer of its packages and box containers.

Smurfit has made itself as efficient as possible, and cut costs to be ready for the upturn. But it admits it cannot beat the industry cycle or buck world trends.

So after a 21.3 per cent fall in profits to Ir£124 million (£123 million), made worse by an exceptional restructuring charge that chopped a further Ir£28.4 million, any recovery in profits to their former glory will be slow.

The associate company in Spain was a particular problem last year, and the first quarterly report from the American associate showing falls in sales of paperboard, packaging and newsprint, and reduced operating profits, does not make encouraging reading.

Net cash of Ir£150 million is certainly comforting, and given the fall in European interest rates, the punt's current strength and the stage of the economic cycle, this seems a good moment to use it for acquisitions. When the upturn comes, there will be a decided impact on Smurfit's bottom line, but profits of Ir£129 million this financial year and Ir£145 million in the following would still be well below the company's best. Since the shares, at 243p, are already trading on more than 12 times next year's earnings, investors will need some patience.

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Rose heads accountants

CUSTOMS & Excise, MI5, the director of public prosecutions ... and now the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. Anthea Rose is the latest woman to take control of a British institution, becoming the first to head an accountancy body or any main professional association in this country. Rose, who took over as the association's deputy chief executive five years ago, was elected chief executive after the unexpected death of Andrew Sansom six months ago. But Rose insists she is not a trailblazer for women: "There are a lot of women in public life. I don't know that this is so special any more." Sadly, she doubts that any of the large accountancy firms will be encouraged by her appointment to promote more women to senior positions, although there is no doubt she would appreciate it: "It would be nice to have a lady senior partner," she says. That may still be some way off, but at least Rose will have a soulmate at the Scottish Institute of Chartered Accountants, which is due next year to confirm Primrose McCabe as its next annual president.



Rose: leading the field

Bricks and mortar

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development clearly has an avid interest in real estate, but not simply for its own benefit this time. Massimo Ponzellini, an EBRD senior banker outlined his bank's property projects in Eastern Europe yesterday, at a meeting of Nacore International, the association of corporate real estate executives. There is a severe shortage of good office accommodation in cities such as Warsaw, Moscow and St Petersburg and one of the EBRD's aims is to assist the development of new infrastructure for the budding capitalist enterprises in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Inadequate finance is one problem; finding tenants willing to sign a long lease is another. With office rents now double that of their London equivalents, most Western businesses have opted to camp out in hotels. According to Ponzellini, what Western businessmen care about in Eastern Europe is not the carpet on the floor, but the telephone. He did not mention anything about marble.

Nadir backer

NO INVESTOR of sound mind should ever be expected simply to laugh away any savings lost in a company collapse — particularly one as spectacular as that of Polly Peck in 1990. But for some shareholders, it seems that Asil Nadir can do no wrong. Now living in luxury in the Turkish Cypriot town of Lapta, after jumping bail of £3.5 million related to charges of £30 million theft, Nadir has found two friends among his former shareholders. Richard Parsons and his father, who together invested £4,500 in Polly Peck, yesterday rang Touche Ross, the joint administrator, to complain about Nadir's treatment. "Both my father and I feel that Asil has been treated very badly by everyone — the press, Touche Ross, Coopers, everyone," Parsons told Touche. "We would like to contribute to Mr Nadir's defence should he be forced to return to England." Touche could not keep Parsons on the phone long enough to surmise the reason for his loyalty, but suggested he send any donations to Nadir's lawyers.

Gold fever

RTZ shareholders gathering for their annual meeting must have thought gold had fallen from heaven when a sealed envelope was thrust into their hands by one of the anti-RTZ pressure groups. The envelope was liberally filled with "gold dust", and shareholders were invited, on RTZ-headed notepaper, to enter a lucky-draw for three new gold mines, "which are being given away, completely free" and which could be named after "yourself, your favourite film-star or your favourite politician". If only mining groups were really that so generous!

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTER

Government must prevent insurers making massive premium rises

From Mr Robert Hadfield

Sir, It seems hardly a week goes by without we hear of some new twist to the saga of our struggling insurance industry. We all take out insurance to cover against unforeseen circumstances: however when these circumstances occur the insurance companies appear as unprepared and unable to cope with events as the rest of us.

What is more worrying is the insurance companies' responses to their difficulties; these would appear to be:

To apply limitations to the policy.

To refuse to cover certain areas of risk as it suits them.

To dictate the terms under which any claim will be handled.

As a person involved in an industry — vehicle accident repair — which derives a large proportion of its work from the insurance sector, I find the insurers' recent attitude and actions a matter of some considerable concern.

I believe that we are currently witnessing an insurance industry which has been pushed down the road of the free marketeers, without any constraints or controls. It is important that those who work with the industry, and the insured, gain proper protection and service to which they are entitled.

If we are moving towards a totally free market, then the government must act to prevent the insurance industry's response to any increase in claims being instant massive premium increases and/or the apparent abdication of responsibility on grounds of cost alone. Insurance companies seem to believe they can operate with total disregard to the consequences of their actions. Can you imagine the furore which would have occurred if the government had, for example, suggested an increase in national insurance contributions or income tax at the level of current insurance premium increases? There would have been national revolt and a general election!

Many (not all) insurance companies seem to suffer from a surfeit of bureaucracy and have an attitude to the consumer which verges on the Dickensian. Indeed much of their problem appears to stem from the fact that they rely on experiences of the past to predict future trends. In a world of expanding horizons this can only be regarded as short-sighted.

It seems to me that it is us who are continually having to bail out the insurance companies because the unexpected has happened to them, rather than the other way round. Unless changes are made or new controls are introduced it is going to be very difficult, with their past record, to have any confidence in these companies in the future.

Now that the government, following the tragic bombings in the City of London, is joining the rest of us in yet another example where the insurers suddenly find they cannot meet their commitments, surely the time has come where proper publicly auditable controls must be put in place — or if they already exist, why are they not imposed?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HADFIELD
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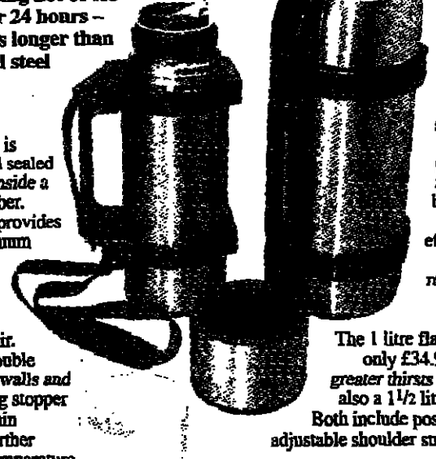
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European Inc 21.89 23.56 -0.14 0.48

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Growth 370.90 396.70 -0.20 2.34
-do- Acc 634.90 679.10 -0.30 2.34
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-do- Acc 490.70 522.10 +4.30 3.83
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-do- Acc 10660.0 11041.0 -22.00 2.90
Special Sits 85.36 90.80 -0.72 2.28
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Income 487.00 519.70 -0.70 4.01
Intl Growth 72.27 77.12 -0.22 1.01
Japan Growth 268.10 286.10 -0.90 ...
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-do- Acc 79.69 84.78 +0.06 2.51
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-do- Acc 78.95 83.89 +0.03 6.19
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-do- Acc 130.46 138.79 -0.05 2.51
Quilter Income 91.39 97.22 -0.02 3.90
-do- Acc 112.63 119.82 -0.04 3.90
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Equity Inc 142.81 151.93 -0.83 3.52
-do- Acc 458.43 487.69 -2.67 3.52
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-do- Acc 93.00 97.89 +0.05 0.94
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Intl Income 76.51 81.37 +0.09 4.90
Japan General 358.70 380.90 +1.80 ...
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High Inc 30.75 32.89 +0.05 5.08
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Japan Gth 77.02 82.37 -0.12 ...
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-do- Acc 29.91 31.71 -0.20 4.29

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Japan 201.77 214.44 -1.17 ...
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Pacific Smllr Cos 176.74 189.98 +0.01 0.37
Pref Gilt 44.56 48.40 -0.01 8.42
Smaller Cos Div 159.83 174.21 -0.23 3.65
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Managed Invest 84.23 89.99 +0.10 1.22
Rupert Children 72.91 77.76 +0.05 1.87
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Extra Inc 77.45 82.98 +0.31 4.90
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Income Gth 37.56 40.18 +0.01 3.51
MIMstar 74.15 75.90 +0.02 8.09
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European Acc 107.10 113.60 +0.30 1.84
European Dist 102.00 108.10 +0.20 1.85
Overseas Growth Funds
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European Perf 105.60 112.10 +0.20 1.08
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Euro Small Cos 20.72 22.05 +0.02 0.76
French Growth 65.47 69.68 +0.05 0.53
-do- Acc 69.95 74.44 +0.06 0.53
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Intl Growth 49.27 52.34 +0.22 0.67
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Global Tech 111.70 120.70 +1.60 ...
Income Growth 99.71 107.10 +0.10 3.49
Income Monthly 56.51 60.43 ... 4.26
Japan Growth 80.16 85.24 -0.35 ...
Overseas Gth 72.82 77.50 -0.08 ...
Smaller Cos 70.91 76.24 -0.17 1.82
Special Opps 99.56 107.00 -0.50 2.16
Wld Spec Sits 45.93 49.49 +0.23 ...
-do- Acc 46.03 49.61 +0.23 ...

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226
European 94.16 ... -0.16 ...
Global Bond 94.37 ... -0.38 7.50
Japan Samurai 94.31 ... -0.01 ...
UK Growth 102.89 ... -0.85 4.27

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777
Managed 42.44 45.10 -0.20 1.85
Equity Gth Acc 57.47 61.07 -0.40 1.59
UK Eq General 40.37 42.90 -0.30 2.41
-do- Acc 53.37 56.71 -0.40 2.41
European Acc 39.99 42.49 ... 1.15
Far East Acc 53.31 56.65 +0.10 0.26
Gilt Fxd Int Inc 29.62 31.33 ... 6.81
N American Acc 40.68 43.23 +0.10 0.83
Ori Lgr Cos Acc 266.60 289.30 +0.70 1.50
UK Eq High Inc 34.14 36.28 -0.30 3.93
-do- Acc 40.54 43.08 -0.40 3.93
UK Lgr Cos Inc 278.90 302.70 -2.30 3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc 363.30 394.20 -3.00 3.85

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977
Global A N253.61 N253.84 ... 1.12
US Eq $2.080 $2.207 ... 0.79
Far East Eq Y248.6 Y264.1 ... ...
Japan Eq Y242.7 Y257.8 ... ...
FT Europe 109.30 116.00 ... 2.18
FT North Am $1.699 $1.801 ... 1.08
FT Japan Y242.6 Y258.7 ... ...
FT Asia Ex Jap $1.828 $1.942 ... 1.75

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271
American 320.50 341.60 +1.10 0.32
British 905.00 957.50 +0.50 4.42
European 386.60 411.70 -1.00 1.44
Japan 140.60 149.30 -0.80 ...
New Pacific 277.90 296.00 -0.70 1.33
Mngd Cash 95.71 95.71 ... 5.08
Majority Stg 99.88 100.88 +0.01 4.87
Inv Tst 179.80 190.60 -0.60 1.86
Saints PPP 366.90 386.20 ... ...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389
Equity Acc 702.80 751.70 +1.50 2.88
N America Acc 106.90 114.30 +1.00 0.09
Far East Acc 117.40 125.60 ... ...
W wide Bond 58.78 62.40 +0.04 3.51
European 81.12 86.76 +0.27 0.52
Equity Income 79.70 85.24 +0.29 3.80

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414
American Gth 32.44 34.70 +0.17 0.61
Managed Assets 115.33 123.35 +0.29 3.43
UK Income 35.48 37.95 +0.16 3.09
UK Growth 35.13 37.58 +0.15 2.39
Worldwide Gth 29.85 31.93 -0.01 0.41

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794
American 193.42 205.77 +0.52 0.21
-do- Acc 212.45 226.01 +0.58 0.21
British Gth 81.45 86.65 +0.04 1.92
-do- Acc 95.84 101.96 +0.06 1.92
European 92.03 97.90 +1.08 0.73
-do- Acc 97.07 103.27 +1.14 0.73
Extra Inc 178.82 190.23 -1.69 3.91
-do- Acc 285.35 303.46 -2.70 3.91
General Unit 250.86 266.87 +0.42 2.59
-do- Acc 495.00 526.59 +0.83 2.59
Income 313.10 333.09 -2.84 3.48
-do- Acc 637.74 678.45 -5.78 3.48
International 462.49 492.01 +0.47 0.81
-do- Acc 605.41 644.05 +0.61 0.81
Pacific 320.81 341.29 -0.98 ...
-do- Acc 335.98 357.43 -1.03 ...
Premier Income 49.78 51.85 -0.04 6.54
-do- Acc 103.79 108.11 -0.07 6.54
Nat Resources 103.68 110.30 -1.62 0.34
-do- Acc 113.71 120.97 -1.78 0.34
Selected Opps 93.11 99.05 -1.01 1.14
-do- Acc 116.57 124.01 -1.26 1.14

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545
Amer Sml Cos 68.79 73.37 -0.91 ...
-do- Acc 70.94 75.66 -0.95 ...
Cash 50.42 50.42 ... 6.25
-do- Acc 61.52 61.52 +0.01 6.25
European Opps 59.87 63.81 +0.09 0.46
-do- Acc 60.50 64.48 +0.09 0.46
Far East Opps 145.04 154.70 +0.65 ...
-do- Acc 148.42 158.31 +0.67 ...
Gold/Nat. Res ... ...
-do- Acc ... ...
Japan 81.06 86.28 +0.36 ...
-do- Acc 81.06 86.28 +0.36 ...
Little Dragons 64.19 68.46 +0.22 0.73
-do- Acc 66.21 70.62 +0.24 0.73
Oriental Income 41.38 44.13 -0.07 3.60
-do- Acc 52.84 56.36 -0.09 3.60
Tiger 199.58 212.88 +0.61 1.24
-do- Acc 210.24 224.25 +0.64 1.24
UK Small Cos 71.23 76.18 -0.07 2.09
-do- Acc 83.11 88.88 -0.09 2.09

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 14.59 15.52 ... 0.50
Pacific Basin 29.88 31.78 ... 0.60
Canadian Gth 34.51 36.71 ... ...
Global Bond $0.982 $1.023 ... 7.30
Penny Share 22.18 23.56 ... 1.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132
City Reserve 52.63 52.63 ... 5.83
Gilt Growth 65.23 67.88 -0.03 ...
Gilt Income 51.32 53.40 -0.01 7.75
Short Dat Gilt 105.90 107.30 ... ...
US Govmnt Bd $0.716 $0.725 +0.000 ...
Challenger 88.28 90.32 +0.01 ...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 65.48 69.65 -0.40 2.10

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,200	Carlton C	527	Land Secs	433	Scot Hydro	654
Abbey Natl	3,200	Coats Vyla	401	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	1,400
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Cm Union	957	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Scot Power	2,100
Anglian W	1,300	Courtaulds	450	MB Cardn	2,400	Sears	1,600
Argyll Gp	1,100	De La Rue	956	Marks Spr	2,900	Svrn Trent	1,200
Arjo Wig	4,800	Eng China	731	NFC	1,600	Shell Trans	3,600
AB Foods	156	Enterpr Oil	214	NatWst Bk	2,000	Siebe	1,600
BAA	2,000	Fisons	5,900	Nat Power	1,700	SmKl Bch	2,700
BAT Inds	2,300	Forte	5,700	Nth Wst W	1,000	Smith Nph	6,000
BOC	851	GRE	2,700	Nthrn Fds	2,500	Sthrn Elec	333
BP	9,100	GUS A	328	P & O	614	Std Chartd	211
BT	6,400	Gen Acc	2,100	Pearson	3,000	Sun Allnce	1,200
BTR	3,500	Gen Elec	2,500	PowerGen	2,000	TI Gp	1,300
Bk of Scot	9,200	Glaxo	7,300	Prudential	5,100	TSB	2,800
Barclays	7,300	Granada	1,600	RTZ	5,200	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Bass	1,200	Grand Met	7,300	Rank Org	1,100	Tesco	3,400
Blue Circle	2,900	Guinness	1,700	Reckitt Col	1,100	Thames W	2,000
Boots	4,500	HSBC	2,800	Redland	3,300	Thm EMI	714
Bowater	2,000	Hanson	3,300	Reed Intl	965	Tomkins	3,500
Brit Airwys	1,600	ICI	1,700	Rentokil	918	Unilever	1,300
Brit Gas	3,700	Inchcape	537	Reuters	1,900	Utd Bisc	1,700
Brit Steel	5,600	Kingfisher	1,500	Rothmans	379	Vodafone	10,000
Burmah C	60	Kwik Save	90	Ryl Ins	2,400	Wellcome	4,300
Cable Wire	1,700	LASMO	4,200	Ryl Bk Scot	12,000	Whitbd 'A'	2,500
Cadbury	2,900	Ladbroke	3,700	Sainsbury	2,900	Wilms Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3447.71 (-1.39)
S&P Composite 443.90 (-0.62)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20623.03 (-296.15)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6795.52 (-33.81)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.8 (-0.5)

Sydney: AO 1691.9 (+17.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1623.26 (+0.10)

FT 30 share: 2188.6 (-14.1)

Brussels:
General 6025.95 (+70.04)

Paris: CAC 520.61 (-1.63)

Zurich: SKA Gen 487.2 (-1.9)

London:
FT A All-Share 1377.63 (-4.14)
FT 500 1505.83 (-3.49)
FT Gold Mines 149.9 (+1.6)
FT Fixed Interest 111.02 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs 94.76 (-0.32)
Bargains 28151
SEAQ Volume 681.5m
USM (Datastrm) 134.29 (+0.53)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 6/5/93: Birse, Deniston, First Tech, Fairhaven, Gestetner, Greycoat, Hartstone, Laser Scan, Lonrho, ML Labs, NSM, Ratners, Sainsbury, Sanderson Elec, Tomkins, Tullow Oil, Ward. Puts: First Tech. Hanson Wts. Puts & Calls: BM Group, Hartstone, Proteus.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	27	42	50	26	35	44
(*558)	600	10	24	28	63	67	72
ASDA	67	7½	11	-	5	7½	-
(*67½)	76	3½	7	-	10	13	-
Bass	500	41	58	65	12	18	29
(*529)	550	17	27	38	38	43	55
Boots	420	35	49	55	11	18	24
(*436)	460	16	28	35	34	39	44
Br Airways	260	29	36	41	8	12	17
(*277½)	280	17	26	31	16	21	26
BP	280	32	38	43	6	10	14
(*306)	300	18	24	32	13	18	23
Br Steel	90	11	14	18	7½	9	11
(*92)	100	6	10	12	12	14	16
C & W	650	62	44	83	15	24	32
(*691½)	700	30	47	56	38	47	54
CU	580	22	31	-	27	40	-
(*567½)	629	8	16	-	62	75	-
Courtauld	550	28	47	55	24	30	41
(*552)	600	9½	25½	34	58	65	70
GKN	460	25	33	-	20	31	-
(*460½)	500	9	17	-	44	56	-
ICI	1250	68	85	109	47	74	88
(*1258½)	1300	44	62	85	73	103	114
Kingfshr	584	29	44	-	26	35	-
(*590½)	632	12	24	-	57	64	-
Land Sec	500	35	39	43	13	16	23
(*531)	550	6½	15	20	45	45	52
M & S	330	23	32	40	10	16	19
(*342)	360	8	19	24	27	32	35
Sainsbury	420	43	53	61	9	16	21
(*453)	460	19	31	39	28	35	39
Shell	550	30	38	46	13	24	27
(*561)	600	8	16	23	44	55	57
Smkl Bch	460	35	49	60	24	34	41
(*469)	500	17	30	43	46	55	62
Storehse	200	20	27	32	11	16	21
(*209)	220	11	17	21	23	27	32
Trafalgar	92	9	14	-	8	10	-
(*90½)	101	4	70	-	14	17	-
Unilever	1050	73	97	110	15	25	33
(*1088)	1100	42	65	82	37	46	55

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	45	51	60	8	14	22
(*420½)	420	25	33	42	20	27	35
Ladbroke	160	13	19	24	13	20	25
(*156)	180	6½	12	16	27	34	38
Utd Bisc	420	29	42	48	22	29	36
(*420½)	460	16	26	33	49	53	59

May 6, 1993 Tot: 22508 Calls: 12368 Puts: 10140 FT-SE Calls: 2113 Puts: 3306
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	47	55	72	1	17	24
(*740)	750	13	29	47	17	40	50
BAT Ind	800	58	87	94	4	15	36
(*851½)	850	19	49	64	15	35	59
BTR	550	38	48	59	2	8½	19
(*503)	600	4	18	29	21	30	43
Br Aero	330	12	32	47	12	35	47
(*325)	360	5	21	34	30	53	70
Br Telecom	390	13	25	31	4½	18	22
(*397½)	420	2	11	17	24	36	40
Cadbury	460	8½	25	38	12	22	29
(*452½)	500	2	9½	21	47	49	55
Guinness	460	20	37	49	5	16	26
(*471½)	500	3	19	29	30	39	47
GEC	300	13	20	26	3	15	19
(*310)	330	1	6	13	23	30	36
Hanson	220	13	18	23	1½	6	10
(*230)	240	2	8	13½	11	17	21
LASMO	140	14	22	29	3½	9½	14
(*149)	160	4	12½	19	14	21	26
Lucas	130	12	20	21	3	8	14
(*139)	140	5	15	17	6	13	19
P & O	550	18	38	52	10	26	48
(*551½)	600	4	18	30	47	53	72
Pilkington	130	9	14	19	3	9½	13
(*133)	140	3½	9½	15	8½	16	18
Prudential	300	13	24	30	3	9½	16
(*310½)	330	1	9½	16	22	26	32
RTZ	600	27	50	69	5	20	31
(*615½)	650	4	23	42	35	45	58
Scot New	460	10	29	35	5	24	31
(*462)	500	2	12	19	35	50	55
Tesco	200	20	27	35	2	5½	10
(*218)	220	5	16	23	6½	14	19
Thames W	460	47	52	55	1½	9	14
(*502)	500	11	22	30	7	28	32
Vodafone	360	40	46	60	1	7½	14
(*394½)	390	11	26	41	5½	18	26

FT-SE INDEX (*2786½)

		2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls	May	141	91	51	22	9	3½
	Jun	154	115	78	49	29	17
	Jul	171	133	99	72	49	32
	Aug	189	153	130	91	69	52
	Dec	-	223	-	162	-	110
Puts	May	5½	8	21	43	79	125
	Jun	18	28	43	65	95	134
	Jul	26	41	60	81	109	146
	Aug	43	57	73	95	121	156
	Dec	-	97	-	135	-	189

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	15	26	35	12	22	28
(*390½)	420	5	13	22	33	41	45
Amstrad	30	5	7	8½	1½	3	3½
(*34)	35	2½	4½	6	4	5½	6
Barclays	420	17	30	42	14	26	33
(*420)	460	4	14	24	43	52	57
Blue Circ	240	13	23	29	11	18	25
(*240)	260	5	14	21	25	31	37
Br Gas	280	23	26	30	5	9	14½
(*300)	300	7	15	20	14	19	25
	330	2	5½	9½	39	40	46
Dixons	200	18	23	31	7½	17	22
(*207½)	220	8	16	23	21	30	33
Eurotunl	390	40	60½	74½	12½	27	36
(*415)	420	23	44	60½	26½	43	52½
Forte	180	19	27	32	5½	10	15
(*192)	200	7½	16	22	14	19	26
Glaxo	550	66	89	95	8½	24	40
(*598½)	600	30	59	70	27	46	63
	650	13	37	50	59	75	94
HSBC	550	48	68	83	12	39	39
(*583)	600	20	42	58	33	51	62
Hillsdwn	160	8	16	21	9	15	18
(*158)	180	3	9	13	24	28	31
Lonrho	90	17	19½	23	2	6	8
(*104½)	100	8½	14½	17	5	10	13
Reuter	1200	85	123	158	15	40	57
(*1258½)	1250	53	90	128	32	62	77
R-Royce	120	17	22	25	3	6	9½
(*132)	130	9½	16	20	6	10	14
Sears	100	6	10	13	4	7	11
(*102½)	110	2½	6	8	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	800	50	67	78	8	29	38
(*836)	850	20	37	52	27	55	63
TSB	180	8	14	19	9½	17	21
(*175½)	200	3	7	12	25	31	34
Vaal Reefs	50	11½	13	14½	2½	4½	6
(*$58)	60	6	7½	10	6½	9	11
Wellcome	700	61	97½	106	16	37	49
(*746½)	750	37½	64	85	33	53	68

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	21	30	34	9	15	18
(*168½)	180	10½	21	25	20	26	30

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	420	45	53	57	1½	9½	16½
(*461½)	460	11	25	31	8½	28	35

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	31	42	48	3	8	12
(*325)	330	11	21	30	14	20	25
Scot Pwr	290	19½	25	28	3½	10½	13
(*304)	310	8	13	19	11½	22	24

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2800.0	2812.0	2778.0	2783.0	8809
Previous open interest: 47603	Sep 93	2830.5	2835.5	2804.0	2806.5	196
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.96	93.97	93.90	93.95	7414
Previous open interest: 303072	Sep 93	93.95	93.96	93.89	93.94	14726
	Dec 93	93.84	93.86	93.78	93.84	5623
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.82	96.82	96.81	96.82	642
Previous open interest: 17174	Sep 93	96.71	96.73	96.71	96.72	271
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.83	92.84	92.75	92.75	27619
Previous open interest: 551216	Sep 93	93.69	93.69	93.55	93.57	42850
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				112-03	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-26	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-08	104-10	103-16	103-22	37909
Previous open interest: 71326	Sep 93	103-11	103-11	102-24	102-26	373
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.56	108.57	108.48	108.55	567
	Sep 93				107.73	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.17	95.19	94.58	94.64	105116
Previous open interest: 158616	Sep 93	95.34	95.40	94.86	94.88	557
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.05	92.06	91.97	91.98	1765
Previous open interest: 21812	Sep 93	92.83	92.85	92.76	92.76	940
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.32	95.33	95.24	95.24	3501
Previous open interest: 34107	Sep 93	95.76	95.77	95.68	95.68	1483
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.01	97.40	96.93	97.00	14717
Previous open interest: 42287	Sep 93	97.22	97.22	97.14	96.90	14

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.7 (day's range 80.6-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7827-2.7894	2.7859-2.7894	¼-⅛ds	¾-1ds
Brussels	50.92-51.24	51.13-51.24	4-9ds	13-19ds
Copenhagen	9.5220-9.5610	9.5220-9.5450	2⅝-4ds	7¾-9⅞ds
Dublin	1.0160-1.0190	1.0165-1.0185	15-21ds	43-53ds
Frankfurt	2.4774-2.4830	2.4782-2.4814	⅜-½ds	⅞-1ds
Lisbon	229.66-230.65	229.84-230.16	239-251ds	661-685ds
Madrid	181.44-182.01	181.64-181.93	142-160ds	374-432ds
Milan	2281.20-2295.50	2281.20-2285.90	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9902-1.9976	1.9943-1.9965	0.22-0.11pr	0.34-0.20pr
New York	1.5680-1.5805	1.5700-1.5710	0.39-0.37pr	1.13-1.11pr
Oslo	10.4680-10.5090	10.4680-10.4920	¾-1⅞ds	2⅛-3⅞ds
Paris	8.3520-8.3710	8.3550-8.3690	⅞-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Stockholm	11.4450-11.4960	11.4710-11.4960	2⅝-4ds	7⅛-8¾ds
Tokyo	172.73-173.29	173.01-173.21	½-⅜ds	1¼-1⅛ds
Vienna	17.40-17.47	17.42-17.47	1⅝-2⅛ds	4⅝-6⅝ds
Zurich	2.2257-2.2343	2.2257-2.2288	¼pr-par	⅛-⅝ds

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5653-1.5680
Australia dollar	2.2230-2.2261
Bahrain dinar	0.585-0.597
Brazil cruzeiro*	53150.1-53187.2
Cyprus pound	0.73-0.74
Finland marka	8.4145-8.5305
Greece drachma	333.75-340.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1105-12.1199
India rupee	48.66-49.62
Kuwait dinar KD	0.466-0.476
Malaysia ringgit	4.0177-4.0235
Mexico peso	4.85-4.95
New Zealand dollar	2.8673-2.8745
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8195-5.9455
Singapore dollar	2.5228-2.5277
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1435-7.2266
S Africa rand (com)	4.9604-4.9660
U A E dirham	5.693-5.817

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4186-1.4196
Austria	11.10-11.11
Belgium (Com)	32.48-32.50
Canada	1.2713-1.2718
Denmark	6.076-6.086
France	5.338-5.343
Germany	1.5815-1.5825
Hong Kong	7.7285-7.7295
Ireland	1.5385-1.5405
Italy	1460.0-1463.0
Japan	110.28-110.33
Malaysia	2.564-2.566
Netherlands	1.777-1.778
Norway	6.679-6.689
Portugal	146.9-147.0
Singapore	1.610-1.612
Spain	115.9-116.0
Sweden	7.301-7.311
Switzerland	1.4222-1.4232

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 4 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5⁹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¾	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¾	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¾	5⁹⁄₃₂-5⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	[illegible]	6-5¾	6-5¾	6¼-6	6¼-6⅛
	[illegible]	6-5¾	6-5¾	6¼-6	6¼-6⅛

Overnight: open 5¾, close 7

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⁷⁄₈	6	6¼
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⁷⁄₈-5¾	6⅛-6
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.08-3.05	3.18-3.15	3.38-3.35
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5¾	6¼-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅞-7¾	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7¾	7⅛-7	8¼-7¾
French Franc:	8⅛-8	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7¾-7⅝	9-8
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5-4⅞	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $354.30-354.80 Close: $355.70-356.20 High: $356.30-356.80 Low: $353.00-353.50 Krugerrand: $355.00-357.00 (£225.50-227.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£51.50-53.50) New $84.00-87.00 (£51.50-53.50)
Platinum: $380.90 (£243.10) Silver: $4.32 (£2.745) Palladium: $118.75 (£75.80)

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Freight futures rallied to 17-month highs spurred by the strong equity markets and a coincidence of bullish physical factors. One of the main positive influences over the past few days has been the allocation of freight credits in the US/Russian aid package. The Russians have since said that they want as much grain shipped as possible, shipped by July to avoid congestion as it's own harvest gets underway.

LONDON FOX

COCOA
May 668-665 Jul 767-765
Jul 686 BID Sep 784-780
Sep 699 BID Dec 810-800
Dec 719-718 Mar 829-825
Mar 739-737
May 753-751 Volume: 3187

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
May 867-866 Jan 903-900
Jul 878-877 Mar 910 SLR
Sep 882-879 May unq
Nov 894-893 Volume: 1721

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec unq
Spot: unq Mar ...
May unq May ...
Aug ... Aug ...
Oct ... Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Mar 290.3-89.2
Spot: 294.3 May 293.2-91.2
Aug 302.0-01.1 Aug 297.7-94.2
Oct 292.9-92.0 Oct 291.1-85.2
Dec 291.4-89.8 Volume: 1030

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.41	133.92	139.79
(+/-)	+2.62	-4.52	-0.14
Eng/Wales:	91.19	134.50	139.25
(+/-)	+2.42	-4.51	+0.48
(%)	-49.6	-1.9	-18.8
Scotland:	101.38	125.86	142.40
(+/-)	+11.44	-4.90	-0.98
(%)	-23.9	-6.5	-28.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (kg)
	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	113.7	113.7	Nov	105.0	105.0
Jul	102.5	102.5		Volume: 8	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
May 143.75
Jun 144.55
Sep 108.55
Nov 110.65
Jan 113.65
Volume: 62

BARLEY (close £/t)
May 137.95
Sep 106.75
Nov 109.65
Jan 112.25
Mar 114.25
Volume: 34

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 139.40
Aug 139.30
Oct 143.30
Dec 140.00
Feb unq
Volume: 70

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Nov unq 60.0
Apr 94.0 92.8
May unq 102.0
Volume: 16

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Jun 56.50-57.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Prices took encouragement from the latest Opec figures, indicating producers were maintaining quotas.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical 19.15 +0.20
Brent 15 day (May) 19.20 +0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun) 19.36 +0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jun) 20.55 +0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul) 20.75 +0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 Bid: 215 (+2) Offer: 218 (+2)
Gasoil EEC 185 (+3) 186 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May 185 (+3) 186 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Jun 180 (+2) 181 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil 75 (n/c) 77 (n/c)
Naphtha 184 (+2) 186 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
May 182.50-82.75 Aug 178.75-79.00
Jun 179.00-79.25 Sep 180.00-80.25
Jul 177.75-78.00 Oct 182.50-83.00
Vol: 12199

BRENT (6.00pm)
Jun 19.28-19.29 Sep 19.31 BID
Jul 19.22-19.23 Oct 19.33 BID
Aug 19.27-19.30 Vol: 25162

UNLEADED GASOLINE
May 207.25-08.25 Aug 211.00 SLR
Jun 208.00-08.50 Sep 217.00 SLR
Jul 207.25-09.00 Vol: 356

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
May 93 High: 1570 Low: 1560 Close: 1568
Jun 93 1470 1450 1470
Jul 93 1320 1308 1318
Oct 93 1415 1409 1415
Vol: 368 lots Open int'st: 3172 Index 1567 +6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)
Copper Gde A (£/tonne) Cash: 1109.5-1110.0 3mth: 1130.5-1131.0 Vol: 1403100
Lead (£/tonne) 264.50-265.00 274.00-274.50 74925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) 1022.0-1022.5 1041.0-1041.5 181275
Tin ($/tonne) 5575.0-5576.0 5640.0-5645.0 13940
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) 1134.0-1135.0 1156.0-1157.0 898150
Nickel ($/tonne): 5960.0-5965.0 6025.0-6026.0 23196

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	North West	Water	
2	Countryside	Building,Rds	
3	South West	Water	
4	Gestetner	Industrial	
5	Park Foods	Foods	
6	St Helens	Mining	
7	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
8	MMT Comp	Electrical	
9	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Air	
10	Nat Express	Transport	
11	Thames Water	Water	
12	Wagon Ind	Industrial	
13	Kinross	Mining	
14	Chubb Sec	Business Serv	
15	Westpac	Banks,Disc	
16	Southern Elec	Electricity	
17	Kalon	Industrial	
18	Delta	Electrical	
19	Durban	Mining	
20	Scot & Newc	Breweries	
21	Northern Elec	Electricity	
22	Oil Search	Oils, Gas	
23	Sth Western	Electricity	
24	Scottish Power	Electricity	
25	INSTEM	Electrical	
26	Eurotherm	Electrical	
27	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
28	Driefontein	Mining	
29	Bradford	Property	
30	MEPC	Property	
31	Dibons Grp	Drapery,Strs	
32	BSS Group	Industrial	
33	PowerGen	Electricity	
34	London Elect	Electricity	
35	Randfontein	Mining	
36	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
37	Leeds	Textiles	
38	Pilon	Electrical	
39	Br Land	Property	
40	Wstrn Mining	Mining	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
354	272	Meyer Int	345	+ 3	....	3.6	37.0
4	4	Minkin Grp	4	....	....	....	....
128	62	Mowlem (J)	124	+ 1	4.0	4.0	....
78	51	MSM	58	....	....	....	....
53	48	Mentlite	49	....	....	3.9	23.5
155	108	Newman Tuks	152	....	....	6.6	20.5
286	197	Persimmon	283	+ 1	8.6	3.0	28.9
29	23	Phoenix Timber	29	....	....	....	....
1625	1462	Pochins	1462½	....	29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Prowting	113	....	3.4	3.0	=
br	3½	Quilligotte	4	....	....	....	....
686	355	RMC Gp	672	-11	20.0	3.7	=
117	90	Raine Ind	96	- 2	6.0	7.8	10.0
36	29	Rammco	35	....	....	....	....
499	402	Redland	475	+ 7	25.0	8.6	27.6
75	64	Ronkil	68	....	4.3	7.9	10.0
260	207	Rugby Group	258	- 5	6.4	3.1	=
40	23	Sw'thl-Bryce	40	....	....	....	....
105	68	Sharpe & Fisher	102	....	4.0	4.0	=
172	110	Sheffield Ind	171	....	5.4	3.9	27.6
96	82	Sheriff Bridge	96	....	....	2.6	14.3
98	86	Shorcha	78	....	....	6.7	=
228	205	Smart (J)	205	....	8.6	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Smiths	5½	....	0.5	7.1	6.3
142	105	Tarmac	128	+ 3	5.5	5.4	=
196	137	Tay Homes	182	....	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	107	....	1.0	1.2	....
533	433	Tilbury Douglas	528	+ 9	23.0	8.2	=
25	19	Town Mtrcs	24	....	....	2.1	....
221	168	Travis Perkins	221	....	3.0	4.6	=
36	30	Try Group	36	- 1	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	26	Tudor	28	....	....	1.1	....
68	41	Vibroplant	61	....	3.6	7.4	11.2
43	20	Ward Hidgs	43	+ 1	....	....	....
30	25	Waterhouse	28	....	....	....	....
479	360	Wates Build	435	....	0.7	3.1	=
14	8	Wescol	13	....	....	....	....
152	90	Westbury	136	- 1	....	4.5	....
12	4½	West Scaffolds	9	....	....	....	....
12	5	Wigfall	9	0 6	....	....	....
461	371	Wilson Bowden	452	+ 1	8.7	2.4	31.0
205	147	Wilson (C)	201	- 3	3.9	2.5	=
184	107	Wimpey G	170	- 3	5.2	3.9	=
42	25	YRM	40	+ 1	4.0	....	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	585	+15	....	....	....
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	....	11.0	5.2	13.5
92	50	Air London	67	....	....	6.7	8.1
30	27	African Lakes	44 †	....	2.0	5.7	....
175	125	Aston Sec	169 †	....	5.3	3.9	=
108	84	Aukett Ass	102	....	....	8.1	14.6
90	41	BNB Res	80	....	4.9	7.7	=
318	258	BPP	288	....	8.0	3.5	15.9
286	245	Barbour Index	265	....	7.2	3.7	18.2
20	15	Bousted	18	....	0.7	3.0	=
226	194	Brit Trans Mgt	223	+ 9½	....	2.2	19.4
14	11	Broadcastdata	14	....	....	....	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	68	....	....	....	....
104	86	CKT Gp	99	....	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	169	....	....	1.6	8.8
40	31	Chiltex Plc	38	+ 1	0.5	1.6	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49	....	....	....	....
51	26	Chrissie	46	....	....	....	....
285	228	Chubb Sec	275	+ 2	....	1.3	30.4
79	68	Cintrace	76	....	....	5.6	=
18½	6½	Corp Services	16½	....	....	....	....
80	50	Dart	80	....	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	168	Davis Service	221	- 3	....	4.3	=
88	65	ENV Recs	83	....	4.3	5.8	10.6
25	11	Gardiner	23½	....	0.5	3.8	14.3
44	20	Gardner (DC)	40	- 1	....	....	....
246	228½	Hays	239 †	- 3	4.6	2.5	22.5
220	175	Hogg Robinson	198	- 1	6.3	4.1	14.5
79	57	Hollins Murgatroyd	58	- 1	....	....	3.6
164	127	Hunts Watson	160	- 1	....	....	14.3
1,120	960	ISS S DKr	1,105	....	....	1.1	14.3
637	532	Inchcape	581 †	- 9	3.0	3.0	19.7
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	....	25.7	3.9	=
12	2½	Lep	8½	- ½	....	....	....
244	173	Mitie Gp	230	....	2.7	1.6	17.3
1182	893	Manpower	1033	....	....	....	....
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	....	1.8	5.5	17.4
279	217	Penmas	273	....	....	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime Peoples	2½	....	....	....	....
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	105	....	12.0	15.3	....
423	375	RCO	375	....	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	113	REA	113	....	4.0	4.4	....
90	43	Reed Executive	89	....	....	....	....
156	114	Reliance Sec	149	....	....	2.8	11.5
238	196	Rentokil	197	- 4	2.3	1.5	24.6
278	240	Robt & Nolan	261	- 3	6.2	3.0	17.5
590	543	Salvesen RJ	571	- 2	7.0	2.4	20.5
35	29	Scott Fieldcrest	30	....	....	3.3	8.5
206	164	Securigaard	198	....	9.4	6.2	10.0
6	5	Select Appts	6	....	....	....	....
988	696	Serco Gp	983	....	14.0	1.8	27.2
352	252	Sherwd Comps	295	- 1	....	3.0	=
130	91	Slatehlg	93	....	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	310	Warner Howard	310	....	....	2.9	17.5
45	27	Welpac	27	....	0.6	2.8	....
26	14	Wills Gp	26	....	....	0.5	35.6

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

403	346	Abbey Nt	391	- 3	11.5	3.7	15.1
255	179	Allied Irish	236	- 6	....	4.8	12.0
176	130	Ann New 2	164	+ 8	....	5.5	....
3800	2900	Bankamerica	3475 †	- 185	....	....	....
252	188	Bk of Ireland	223	- 9	....	5.4	35.5
335	325	Bk Lewnd UR	325	....	17.0	6.5	=
140	116½	Bank Scotland	137	- 1	4.5	4.3	=
404	362	Barclays	410	- 8	15.1	4.5	=
9½	2	Benchmark	2½	....	....	....	....
52	31	Brown Shipley	50	....	....	....	....
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	....	....	....	....
485	395	Cater Allen	483	....	26.0	5.7	....
110	85	Cantles	119	....	....	4.4	15.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1956	-15½	....	....	....
1343½	1343½	Citicorp	1343½	-68½	....	....	....
345	250	Close Bros	334	....	....	3.6	14.9
1,125½	927½	Commerzbk	1,119	+6½	....	3.3	....
2,304½	2,250½	Deutsche Bk	2,279	-17½	....	2.3	....
81	45	First Nat Fin	70	....	....	....	....
1,220	870	Hgll Bank †	1156	-48	....	0.4	62.3
452	343	Gerrard Nat	432	....	....	21.0	5.8
654	492	HSBC	582	- 9	19.0	4.1	=
634	474	HSBC Hld	567	- 8½	19.0	4.2	=
358	343	Hambros	339	- 2	13.0	3.8	15.0
353	313	Hamblin Gl	350	....	....	15.8	5.5
138	96	King Shaxson	128	....	....	5.0	4.9
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	395	- 2	16.0	5.2	13.3
573	492	Lloyds	517	- 6	18.4	4.4	14.8
87	65	Lon Scot Bk	85	....	3.0	4.4	17.0
452	322	Nat Asian Bk	421	+13	....	4.8	14.6
485	398	Nat West	456	- 3	17.5	4.8	27.7
865	674	Provident	863	....	....	28.5	4.1
47	39	Ren Inns	43	....	....	0.5	1.5
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	261	- 1	....	8.6	4.2
1975	1305	Schroders	1860	+ 7	22.0	1.5	18.5
750	576	Stand Chart	722	-12	20.0	3.5	....
195	145	TSB	176	- 5	6.4	4.5	....
126	78	Union Disc	126	+ 3	....	....	....
674	528	Warburg SG	648	- 4	18.0	3.5	19.2
267	215	Wstr Bk 'A'	217	- 1	....	3.5	....
4850	4643½	Wells Fargo	6731½	-109½	....	1.6	....
163	121	Wespac	163	+ 7	....	4.7	....
215	188	Wintrust	205	....	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

546	547	Allied-Lyons	560	-2	20.0	4.5	13.0
547	528	Bass	530	- 1	18.9	4.5	11.5
221	189	Boddington	221	+ 3	7.3	3.4	13.8
263	263	Bulmer (HP)	397	+ 1	9.0	2.8	18.3
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	142	+ 1	4.4	3.9	10.4
309	261	Devenish (JA)	300	....	7.8	3.3	16.9
68	58	Fosters Brewing	59½	....	....	4.4	24.5
238	238	Gale Thos 'A'	370	....	....	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	423	+ 8	12.3	3.6	14.0
423	368	Greenalls Grp	415	- 2	11.7	3.5	13.7
503	505	Greene King	569	....	11.6	2.1	16.3
516	440	Guinness	507	- 5	....	2.1	13.3
240	230	Hardy Hansn	239	....	....	7.9	4.1
113	108	Highland Brew	111	....	....	3.0	4.0
96	78	Hodgson Kingst	96	....	....	3.0	4.0
298	255	Highland Dist	288 †	- 3	6.0	2.6	19.4
5125	2520	Hsn J	2988	....	41.0	1.7	=
36	33	Hoskins Brew	36	....	....	....	40.3
233	150	Invrgordn Dist	205	- 4	7.0	3.3	=
186	157	Macallan-Glen	182	....	0.9	0.7	36.4
368	275	Macdn Marin 'A'	275	....	8.8	2.9	11.8
665	555	Macallan Glen	770	....	13.6	2.3	13.9
256	231	Morgan Throp	238	....	4.9	2.6	13.9
435	410	Matthew Clark	411	....	15.7	4.8	12.0
300	255	Morgdven W	280	....	....	....	....
240	240	Morland	280	....	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount Ld	10	....	....	2.1	17.7
980	760	SA Breweries	768	- 2	....	3.2	....
482	408	Scot & Newc	464	- 3	18.1	4.3	12.8
223	181	Thornton Cider	214	+ 2	4.9	2.8	20.0
342	219	Vaux Group	239	+ 3	9.3	3.9	16.5
281	225	Wetherspoon DO	280	- 1	....	2.1	22.0
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	487	+ 6	16.9	4.4	13.7
1180	950	do 'B'	1155	- 10	31.4	2.5	24.6
613	561	Wolverhmpn D	570	....	....	14.5	3.8
515	480	Young 'A'	480	....	....	....	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	115	....	....	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	18	....	....	....	....
106	87	Allens	88	+ 2	....	6.4	10.8
98	65	Amec	95 †	....	3.0	3.9	=
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	....	....	....	....
105	65	Ashtead	105	....	4.1	2.7	24.2
142	108	Arwoods	130	- 1	5.0	3.8	17.1
238	180	BPB Ind	220	....	....	4.1	57.5
99	57	Baggeridge Brk	89	....	....	....	....
39	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	29½	....	0.5	....	....
31	18	Bailey (Nthn)	27	- 2	1.2	1.8	13.8
181	74	Barratt Dev	144	- 2	2.0	1.7	16.0
142	102	Bellway	138	- 1	11.5	3.8	22.9
42	25	Bellwinch	28	....	....	....	....
32	15	Berkeley Gp	28	- 1	....	1.9	27.7
63	45	Bett Bros	47 †	....	1.0	2.7	=
49	36	Blockley	47	- 5	11.2	5.9	=
257	250	Boot Henry	250	....	5.9	2.7	15.4
280	250	Bovis	260 †	....	4.6	4.2	27.5
106	78	Breedon PLC	98	....	4.6	4.3	22.9
105	82	Br Dredging	105 †	....	....	....	....
87	71	Brit Fittings	71	....	1.5	2.7	....
147½	49	Brit Polythene	147½	+ 1½	4.8	4.1	31.6
149	99	Bryant	74	....	2.3	....	....
53	43	CALA	51	....	....	3.6	16.2
263	205	CRH	255	- 1	....	....	....
42	22	Cakebread Rby	33	....	....	....	....
39	27	Costain	36	....	1.1	3.0	38.1
130	90	Countryside	123	+ 3	4.1	3.2	20.9
78	58	Cren Nicholson	77	- 1	0.9	....	....
28	20	Cumbrian	26	....	....	....	....
3½	1½	Dunstone	1½	....	....	....	....
37	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	- ½	0.5	3.1	....
23	13	Epwin	22	- 1	0.8	3.9	=
238	178	Ewin	224	....	0.3	0.9	....
48	32	Erith	47	....	....	3.2	....
350	252	Eve Groupns	350	....	....	4.5	26.3
59	54	Everard Burdon	59 †	+ 1	2.0	....	....
5	4½	Expamaster	4½	....	....	4.7	21.3
147	97	Freeman Gps	137	....	....	....	....
52	38	Galliford	42	....	4.3	....	10.9
88	65	Gibbs & Dandy	88	....	....	....	....
788	675	Gleeson (M)	788	....	12.7	2.0	12.7
118½	90	Hawden-Smart	98	....	3.2	3.4	=
98	28	Hewetson	98	....	2.6	....	69.8
200	180	Heywd Wms	202	....	12.5	6.0	....
85	37	Higgs & Hill	74	+ 1	2.5	4.3	=
35	27	How Gp	30	....	1.5	6.4	=
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	....	0.5	3.5	....
70	39	Hydrck Johnsn	65	- 4	1.0	1.9	....
22	14	Jarvis	22	....	0.5	....	....
378	196	Laing (J)	276	- 3	9.0	4.1	=
85	55	Ln Clydesdale	66	....	4.5	8.5	24.9
23	10½	Lovell (G)	22½	....	....	....	9.8
303	240	Manders	260	- 1	9.0	3.7	18.8
143	91	Marley	140	- 1	4.2	3.8	41.3
91	64	Marshalls	84	+ 1	....	7.4	28.1
151	122	Maunders (J)	151	+ 3	4.9	4.1	13.8
190	94	McAlpine (A)	189	....	6.5	4.3	32.7
35	25	McCarthy & S	30	....	0.5	....	....

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	160½	- 1½	4.5	3.5	13.8
238	223	Addn	238	....	....	3.1	19.9
93	73	Alcatel Compn	93	- 3	....	....	45.6
480	385	Admiral	438	....	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	106	Alba	129	....	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphasonic	39	- 1	....	....	....
38½	22	Amstrad	34	....	0.4	....	....
128	78	Arg Hldgs	78	....	....	....	....
17	13	Allen	14	....	....	....	....
53½	35½	Astec	52½	....	....	....	=
280	250	Beales Hunter	276	....	9.2	4.2	14.6
9	3½	Bennett & Founs	5½	....	....	....	....
318	310	BICC	316 †	+ 4	10.3	5.8	24.1
575	455	Blick	484	- 1	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland	1500	+80	....	....	....
312	219	Bowthorpe	304	- 3	6.3	2.6	=
401	330	Bredhill	395	- 7½	14.4	4.5	14.8
9	5½	Briggin (AF) 'A'	7½	....	0.1	1.7	....
157	130	Burnfield	130	- 1	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	669	Cable Wireless	672	- 8	15.2	2.4	21.4
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	....	....	....	....
251	229	Chrl Micro	250	....	....	2.4	16.5
103	74	Comptr People	103	....	0.6	0.6	....
161	108½	Cray Elect	142½	....	....	0.4	11.7
326	243	Crtchley	316	+ 1	....	....	....
119	86	Dale	115	+ 1	5.1	4.1	10.2
512	414	Delta	512	+ 4	14.0	3.6	=
295	205	Dempsey Els	285	....	....	2.7	12.1
520	460	Domino	515	....	7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55	....	2.5	5.7	18.1
1050	805	Dynelec	1030	....	....	2.9	20.1
417	358	Electrocomponts	398	....	5.1	1.1	15.3
575	470	El Data Pro	550	....	2.3	3.6	24.7
81	41	Electron House	61	....	0.1	0.5	=
23½	10½	Emess	23½	....	....	....	....
587	492	Eurotherm	580	+ 4	8.0	1.7	26.4
153	108	FKI	153	+ 4	6.3	2.1	25.5
393	349	Fennell Elect	373	+ 4	6.2	2.1	=
51	23	Feedback	51	....	....	....	....
15½	9	Ferranti	15½	....	....	....	....
195	161	First Tech	191	....	....	....	....
236	215	Fortune Hldgs	235 †	+14	....	1.8	=
21	17	Foxboro Tech	17	....	....	....	....
328½	264	GEC	276	- 1	10.9	7.7	=
182	132	Gravity	140	....	....	1.6	12.7
39	30	Hilsborn	36	....	....	2.8	20.6
135	83	INSTEM	135	+ 7	....	....	....
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	+ 8	8.0	2.6	16.5
10	8	Kembrey	9	....	0.3	3.2	3.4

Small losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 19. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day May 17. *Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

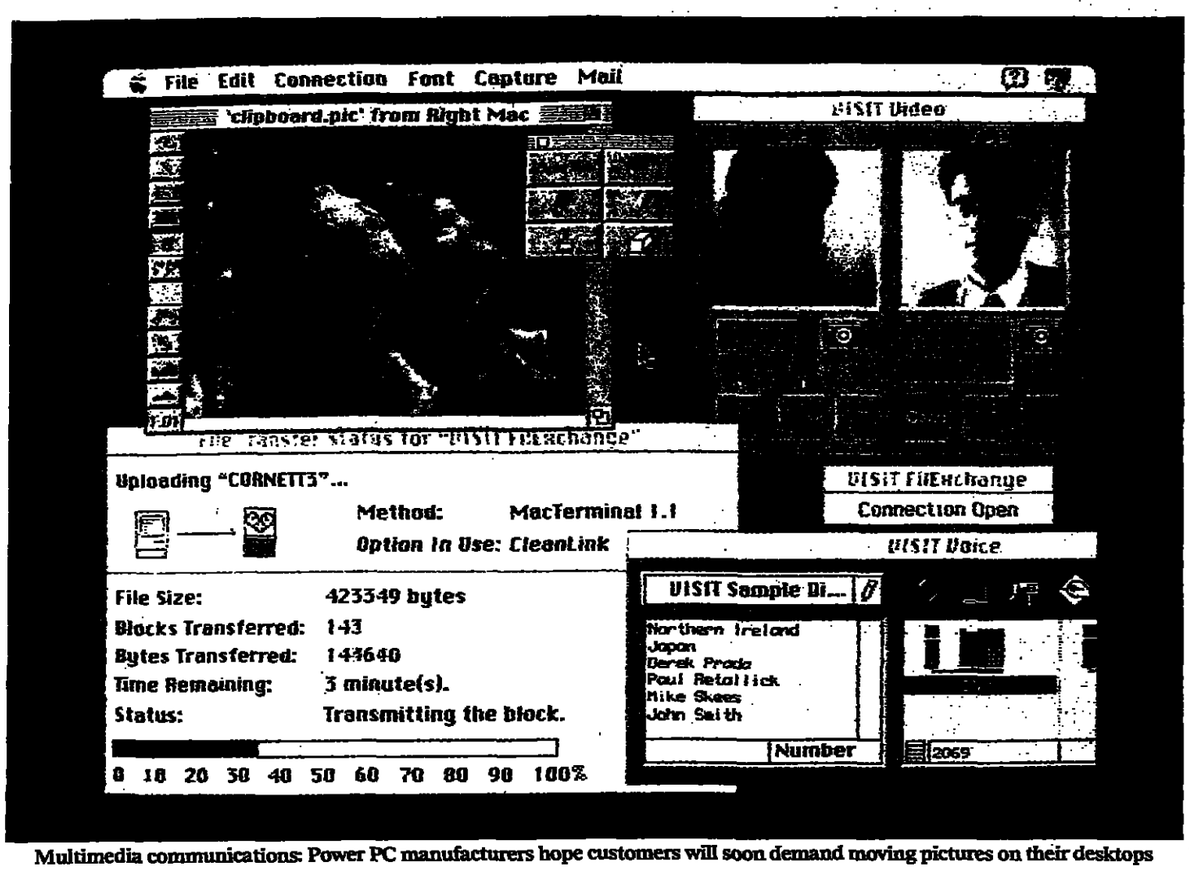
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
321	260	Kenwood App	310	....	....	3.0	16.4
181	97	Kewill Sys	154	....	....	....	7.7
203	100	Kode	180	+ 1	5.5	3.8	21.3
50	16	Laser-Scan	46	+ 6	....	....	=
166	122	Lilleshall	126	....	....	....	....
306	240	Lyc Betting	286 †	....	9.0	4.2	....
179	136	Life Sciences	136	+ 2	3.5	3.3	14.7
227	166	Logica	226	+ 1	3.6	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Ind	46	....	....	9.6	13.0
212	169	MK Elec Magnet	180	- 1	4.3	3.9	17.5
673	521	Misys	653	+ 5	....	2.4	21.9
630	527	Manvlex-Sun	598	- 3	....	1.9	19.6
3015	1988	Micro Focus	2185	+117	....	....	20.1
227	188	Microgen	193	....	7.2	4.7	13.1
344	34	Microwave	35	....	....	....	....
514	397	Misys	478	- 1	6.1	1.6	21.7
151	98	Mitel	135	- 8	....	....	....
138	108	MMT Comp	115	+ 6	....	3.8	14.4
27	19	Molynx	19	....	....	8.6	1.8
272	200	MTL Instr	215	....	....	3.8	16.2
165	134	Maidstone Elect	134	....	....	3.0	12.8
149	116	Murray Exser	147	....	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412	5325	MYNEX	5925	-25	....	....	....
184	140	Neurotech	158	....	2.0	2.1	20.4
68	42	Newmark (L)	61	....	....	....	....
144	98	Northdata	114	+ 2	....	4.4	16.6
45	30	Northumber	45	+ 0	0.5	1.4	....
15½	9	Oceonics	13½	....	....	....	7.5
248	198	Oxford Inst	245	....	4.3	2.2	16.5
78	48	P-E Interntl	76	+12	1.0	1.6	....
75	28	P&P	73	....	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	35	Peak	79	....	3.4	5.8	19.2
190	115	Pegasus	167	....	....	4.8	42.3
9000	9000	Philips Fx 4%	9000	....	....	6.4	....
1050	225	do Ltny rv	997½	-25	....	....	....
447	347	Pitco	447	....	7.7	2.2	37.9
452	365	do 'A' Voting	447	....	7.7	2.3	36.2
70	49	Plasmec	70	....	....	2.8	7.6
104	76	Pressac	88	....	2.4	3.4	17.8
136	103	Prism	131	+ 5	....	2.4	34.8
11	6½	Promotion	10 §	....	....	....	....
220	161	Real Elect	208	....	1.5	0.9	23.8
60	45	Redstone	58	- 1	1.0	3.3	=
97	43	Redtec	97	+ 1	....	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time	71	+ 5	....	5.3	6.5
24	14	Rhona	24	....	....	....	....
639	488	Sage Gp	592	- 1	9.0	1.9	18.9
66	49	Scantronic	64	....	2.8	5.8	20.2
142	117	Sinclair Sys	118	....	5.0	5.3	23.3
300	220	Sema Gp	295	....	2.8	1.2	23.8
38	26	Shrenbrns	35	....	....	2.9	18.8
45	37	Soundtracks	44	....	....	8.2	14.8
243½	173½	TDK	236½	+2½	....	1.2	23.6
37	4½	TGI Circuits	14½	....	....	....	....
105	80	Telemetrix	98	- 1	0.6	11.5	48.5
899	809	THORN EMI	834	- 3	30.1	4.5	15.5
111	96	Thorpe PW	105	....	2.5	3.0	18.4
103	75	Tpnal Systems	93	....	2.2	3.4	14.6
439	372	Tunstall	405	....	6.6	1.9	18.2
256	164	Unilabs	241	....	5.8	3.0	42.2
17½	6	Varity	8	....	....	....	....
33½	24	Vitec	29½	....	....	1.3	25.1
436	367	Vodafone	393½	+13½	....	1.8	19.3
441	324	Volex	375	-10	....	5.7	10.0
22	11	Western Selects	20	....	....	....	....
255	223	Wheelsale Pgs	253	....	11.7	5.8	24.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	223	Allied Colloids	226	- 2	3.0	2.2	17.8
750	615	Anderson	663	- 5	12.5	2.4	24.6
7	3½	Anglo Ust	3½	....	0.8	....	....
1,101½	825	BASF DM	880	-21½	....	7.9	....
275	221	BTP	269	....	9.3	4.7	19.7
1,119	1,105	Bayer DM50	1,105½	+21½	....	3.5	....
171	134	Biagden	170	- 1	6.5	3.8	18.3
165

Moving ahead of the game

Two companies have agreed on a way of integrating PCs with the phone system, reports Matthew May



Multimedia communications: Power PC manufacturers hope customers will soon demand moving pictures on their desktops

Intel and Microsoft, the two companies presently dominating the personal computer industry, have outlined plans to introduce a standard method of integrating personal computers with the telephone.

The idea is that a common specification — to be called Windows Telephony — should be used when writing computer programs for the many millions of PCs that now use the Windows operating system. This should mean more simple routines to access different telephone systems.

The two companies say that by adopting a common approach, users of personal computers will gain direct access to the phone network from applications such as database managers, word processing and spreadsheets.

Newer applications that will be improved include desktop video and audio conferencing, the integration of electronic mail, voice mail and fax as well as wide area networking that could allow PCs to use the telephone network for both voice and data transmission.

Forty companies have announced backing for the move, including Lotus Development, Siemens, Compaq, Digital Equipment and US West. Intel will introduce products based on the specification later this year.

Intel and Microsoft's ability to create the new standard for this part of a PC's operation is another example of how the companies have taken control of the way the PC will develop.

Such dominance is usually of little concern to customers, who have been well served by the industry. Every year they are given increases in power and falling prices, from a mixture of improvements in technology and fierce competition by suppliers. Even better, most PCs are built to the same standard, resulting in a huge choice of software and lower prices.

But equally Intel and Microsoft's ascendancy has left other companies, and in particular IBM, trying to regain control over the way the market develops.

The result is a plan by IBM, Apple and Motorola, the large chip maker, to design a radically different type of personal computer in the hope that it will dominate the PC world by the end of the decade. Early versions of Power PCs, as they will be called, will appear in the next year.

As usual, the promise is even more power at ever lower cost but the problem is that the new range will be incompatible with present personal computers. Although they may be able to run existing software in an "emulation" mode, the benefits of the new computers' design will be realised only if customers can be persuaded to buy new software packages specifically written for them.

> The new standard is another example of how the two companies have taken control of the PC

The argument for a new breed of incompatible PC is that the advantages of improving on existing designs are now being outweighed by having a chip that is out of date and will always be less powerful than that which could be designed today from scratch.

Andy Grove, chief executive of Intel, does not agree. But for better or worse, the Power PC is on its way. IBM is expected to announce its first such product — a desktop workstation costing about £5,000 — by the end of the year with Apple following next year.

IBM has also said it will sell a notebook workstation to be developed by the British firm Tadpole Technology with more conventional PCs planned for later.

The technical argument for the Power PC rests on the fact that its chips use a technology known as Risc (Reduced Instruction Set Computing), where tasks are designed so that the microprocessor has fewer instructions to handle and so can work faster yet be manufactured cheaper.

Already available on larger workstations and minicomputers, the gamble now is that desktop users can be persuaded to switch to PCs that use Risc chips.

Last week, Motorola managed to cause consternation when it announced two versions of the first Power PC chip that are broadly comparable with Intel's latest Pentium chip. With bulk purchases for the chip, the 601, costing £180 or £240 each, the price is potentially less than half that predicted for the Pentium.

The 601 is only the first of a series aimed at producing more powerful workstations, mainframe and supercomputers that would be powered by chains of the new microprocessors.

A 620 chip, for example, will process information in relatively large 64-bit chunks while a 603 will be for laptops and a 604 for desktops. More exotically, there is the possibility of using them for communications products and in cars and consumer electronics.

Apart from being able to put the power of a workstation into a highly portable notebook computer, the companies behind the Power PC argue that its processing power will soon be demanded by the ordinary office user for fledgling applications such as desktop video, multimedia, handwriting and speech recognition.

Will most office desktops ever need the video, animation and sound features that multimedia — which is particularly power hungry — can offer? Sceptics argue that for the average user, multimedia functions on a PC are about as useful as quadraphonic sound.

Each time a new chip has been announced, pundits have queried whether users needed more power. However, software has always been developed and customers have bought more and more powerful machines, even for mundane tasks.

Incompatibility with existing PCs may be more of a problem. Although Apple has managed to get away with producing a non-industry standard PC, it is the only major company to have done so and it has been moving towards the industry mainstream.

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Keen to share

INVESTORS reacted positively to 3DO, a much-touted electronics startup, on its first day of public trading this week. Shares in the company, which is developing a multimedia player that will be available later this year, were bid up to $19.75 (about £12.80), well above the original target price expected to be between $10 and $12.

3DO is a joint venture whose backers include Electronic Arts, AT & T, Time Warner and Matsushita. It is designing the player to run audio compact discs, display photo compact discs and entertainment, education and information software programs.

Strategic venture

THE EC has cleared a joint venture between two French and one Dutch electronic companies to develop liquid crystal display screens for televisions and computers.

Flat Panel Displays, which will be formed by Philips, Thomson and Sagem, is expected to start mass producing the screens later this year and will be the first European company capable of producing "active matrix" screens.

The EC's executive commission said it gave the venture an exemption from its broad ban on anti-competitive linkups because of its "strategic importance" to the community's industry.

Sound medium

TEXAS Instruments will introduce a computer chip that offers compact disc quality sound for products ranging from CD players to advanced digital television services.

The chip, using an international standard for motion pictures, could be used in digital, cable and direct satellite television broadcasts, digital compact cassettes, interactive CD players and video games.

The compressed audio signal that the chip can process can also be used for CD-quality digital radio services that could replace FM as the high quality broadcast medium.

York for IBM

JEROME YORK, Chrysler's chief financial officer, who helped turn the car manufacturer around, is moving to the same post at IBM to help relaunch the computer giant.

Lou Gerstner, who became IBM chairman last month, recalled that Mr York had "helped lead Chrysler's cost-reduction plans". IBM lost more than £180 million during the first quarter of 1993 and is expected to eliminate tens of thousands more jobs.

IBM, breaking with tradition, has recruited several executives from outside the company during recent months. Mr Gerstner came from the food-tobacco giant RJR Nabisco.

Costing RSI

BLUE Cross of California has estimated that every case of repetitive strain injury it treats each year costs $20,000 (£12,700) in medical expenses and lost productivity. A single case of carpal tunnel syndrome, a common form of RSI, can run to as much as $100,000 in medical and administrative expenses and lost productivity.

Of the total illnesses reported to the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration in 1992, 56 per cent were RSI cases, up from 28 per cent in 1984 and 18 per cent in 1981.

Among the generally accepted causes of RSI are poorly designed workstations, ill-fitting chairs, stressful conditions and extended hours of typing.

Plugging in

BT HAS reduced the price of a telephone connection to £116. It will allow residential customers to spread the cost over a year with five payments of £25. Where someone is taking over an existing phone the charge is £37. However, if it is taken over the same day as the previous subscriber finishes, it is free.

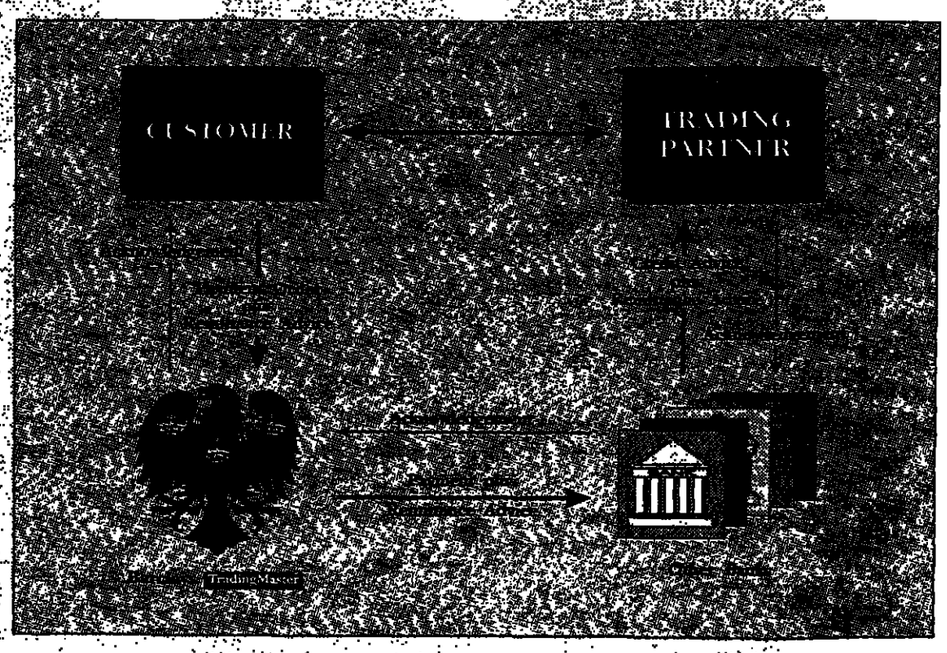
BT's latest "special offer" needs a bit more concentration. Off-peak local calls in June that are longer than four minutes will give customers double the time for the normal price.

Chip of the day

COMPUTER dealers are now selling more PCs using the 486 chip than the 386, according Romtec. The research firm says those selling PCs direct to customers had seen a similar move at the end of last year.

"The 486sx has been the major force behind the growth in 486 sales," said Howard Meredith, a senior PC analyst for Romtec. "It is poised to become the new PC processor standard and we expect the 486 to take 60 per cent of all PC sales in the UK in 1993". A year ago only 10 per cent of sales were for PCs using the 486 chip.

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Order, order: could these be the MPs of the future, debating and questioning each other over large distances?

With video conferencing, who needs Westminster?

An interconnected audio-visual system could allow far-flung MPs to join debates from their armchairs

The House of Commons could resemble a deserted, wild west frontier town in which windows creak and tumbleweeds blow down corridors, if the telecommunications revolution ever gets the whip hand.

Tony Newton, the leader of the House of Commons, is being urged to back a trial of a video-conferencing system. This could allow members to participate in two-way debates, select committees and hold meetings with ministers and colleagues without ever leaving their constituencies.

Initially, it is hoped to improve the efficiency of committees, allowing members of parliament to interview many more people across Britain, and abroad, without leaving London.

The suggestion for a video-conferencing pilot has been made to Mr Newton by the Bow Group, the Conservative party think-tank. The group claims that the technology, which provides an audio-visual link between participants, is the key advance needed to reform Britain's parliamentary process, curb the House's £10 million annual travel costs and improve the lives of MPs, particularly those with seats outside London.

Julian Roche, research secretary at the Bow Group, believes that video-conferencing offers MPs the chance to keep in better touch with their electorate and, particularly for women members, spend more time with their families. It also offers opportunities for severely disabled people to become politicians.

"Video-conferencing might eventually change the sort of people who become MPs," says Mr Roche, the author of a report *Audio Visual Conferencing: Rationalising Parliament*. He added that the savings for the European Parliament could be even higher, given the long hours and cost spent on members jetting about Europe.

> 'The group says the technology will improve MPs' lives'

Under the pilot scheme being suggested, a select committee would have a battery of screens set up and linked by microphones and cameras with similar, portable, systems at witnesses' homes or offices.

Eventually such screens and cameras could be set up in MPs' constituencies, initially for members, who, for reasons of health, strikes or weather cannot get to the Palace of Westminster.

The system would also allow members to access research information from the House of Commons library using a data link.

Mr Roche emphasised that the concept of video-conferencing was far from revolutionary. Many companies, including British Aerospace, Black & Decker and several high street banks routinely hold "face-to-face" staff meetings by linking offices in various cities and abroad. It is also used by the Home Office and the defence ministry.

MPs in some of Britain's far-flung constituencies said they would be willing to see a debate on video-conferencing. Emma Nicholson, Conservative MP for Devon West and Torridge, said yesterday that she was very supportive of a video-conferencing pilot. However, she said that the technology should not be a substitute for physical debate in the House of Commons.

James Wallace, Liberal Democrat MP for Shetland and Orkney, said the technology could be useful for improving the role of select committees and the occasions when, due to fog, his flights from Scotland to London are cancelled. He is less convinced of video-conferencing as a substitute for debates in the chamber, which rely as much on atmosphere as on the words exchanged.

These concerns were echoed by Calum Macdonald, Labour member for the Western Isles, who believes that it is also vital for select committees to get out of Westminster and into the country.

NICK NUTTALL

● Audio Visual Conferencing: Rationalising Parliament. *The Bow Group, 92 Bishops Bridge Road, London W2 5AB (£10).*

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A deeper breath of fresh air

Clive Couldwell reports on a British company's technology which is being used to plumb new depths in the oceans

In the search for rare marine organisms which may have properties which provide life-saving new drugs, divers are being sent into ever-deeper descents towards the bottom of the oceans. Helping to make this possible are new pieces of computer equipment and powerful portable computers.

A two-part operation — "The Kraken Project" — will soon register the world's deepest scuba dive when divers go over the side of one of oceans' deepest underwater cliffs and work their way down into a biological twilight zone at three times the depth than was thought possible.

They will use the latest in breathing technology, with computerised "rebreathers" recycling the air, while support teams on the surface will use portable computers to plan the diving schedules, work out decompression tables, analyse the data and document the findings. The teams will also use a program they have written themselves — Surflink — which links the diver with the surface electronically and monitors the progress being made underwater.

> 'Dive records are important, but they've been notoriously unreliable'

For the last two years, Carmellan Research, a specialist diving company based in Huntingdon, has been collecting marine organisms for Smith Kline Beecham, the pharmaceutical company. Carmellan is carrying out research to see whether, like many rain forest species, deep sea organisms contain natural substances that could help treat illnesses and serious diseases.

Most studies have so far concentrated on marine organisms from shallow reefs — down to 150 ft or so — but successful collections have recently been made from 300 ft deep off Jamaica and the Bahamas.

The next programmes of study scheduled for this month and September will witness the divers swim down into the Tongue of the Ocean, a 5,000ft deep underwater canyon off Fresh Creek, on Andros Island in the Bahamas, to collect marine animals from depths of 500 ft.

Essentially, the rebreathers being used to dive at such depths are an old idea. The basic mechanical device has been around since the first world war, but the early units were very unreliable. "What we've done is put a computer system into the rebreather that controls everything automatically," says Rob Palmer, Carmellan's special projects director. "You just jump in the water, and off you go."

Carmellan Research has developed the unit — which looks like an astronaut's backpack — with Dragerwerk, the German company that developed the first rebreather in 1913.

Breathing compressed air, as in conventional diving systems, it would be impossible to survive at great depths. "Nitrogen narcosis would probably have rendered you unconscious before you made it halfway there," Mr Palmer says, "and the partial pressure of the oxygen in the air would have killed you shortly beyond that."

Diving on mixed gas rebreathers makes deep diving possible. Every breath is recycled, excess carbon dioxide is "scrubbed out", and small spurts of oxygen are added to make the gas breathable next time round.

The partial pressure of oxygen is kept constant, but the percentage of it in the mixture is gradually reduced by the rebreather's electronics to keep it from rising high enough to become toxic. The new device controls this process automatically, giving divers the best gas mix for their depth.

A separate, wrist-mounted display also acts as a kind of environmental monitor which a diver uses to watch his depth, the amount of time he has been underwater, water temperature and whether his oxygen sensors are working properly. Plugged into the Surflink package, the computers' software on the surface decodes the information sent up from the diver's wrist device and fires it out into a spreadsheet which then carries out a series of complex calculations.

"I now know exactly where a diver is, rather than assume he just somewhere out there on the end of a rope," Stuart Clough, Carmellan's diving expert, says.

The computer-based support system is also useful for future dives by quickly making sense of complex statistics. "In commercial practice, an accurate dive record is very important. Traditionally, they have been notoriously unreliable," Mr Clough says.

Electronic sensors now make far better decisions based on the huge amounts of dive data being sent up to the surface by the diver. "Although in some cases you can spot what's going wrong before it happens, it is more use in long-term development because you can then start to build up a picture of how divers perform under different workloads, cope with stress, and so on," Mr Clough says.

Until now, the refining of quality data in this way has been restricted to research labs, and it is unusual to find such technology in a routine diving package because people could not afford the time, trouble and effort to write the software needed to run the process. There was no other, simple way of monitoring the data.

"You had to have a lot of very expensive equipment. Now, with the advent of the latest powerful PCs, it has become very simple and much cheaper to do," Mr Clough says.

Carmellan hopes the technology could also be used as a "flying diver" service, where experts are rushed out to wrecks and asked to carry out underwater evaluations for the insurers in a fraction of the time and cost it would take conventional boats and salvage teams.

"You can throw your rebreathers on an aeroplane with a portable computer and ground satellite station and within 24 hours be anywhere in the world, under 300 ft of water, actually inspecting a site for drugs from the sea or spillages from an oil tanker," Mr Clough says.



Bottoming out: using Surflink, divers are going three times deeper than was thought possible

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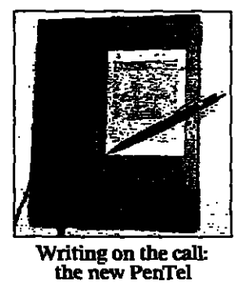
At just £300, the new PenTel could sign the end of old-style telephone calls

If a picture is worth a thousand words, than a telephone with a computer screen that you can write on, with the result appearing at the other end of the line, should be worth a fortune in reduced call charges.

A phone with a pen pad computer has been developed by the Eden Group, the small, Chesire-based design consultancy, and it could be on the market by Christmas, priced at around £300.

"Users will be able to swap notes as they speak, a process that we call 'graphics dialogue'," Alistair Jenkins, the sales director of the Eden Group, says. "They could have a telephone directory in the phone, direct access to other computer services, and it acts as a fax."

The "PenTel" looks like a conventional telephone except that a five-inch liquid crystal display screen replaces the keypad. To make a call, the user either taps the number on a picture of a keypad on the screen, or calls up the directory and positions a telephone icon next to the number required.



Writing on the call: the new PenTel

The PenTel can store up to 3,000 names and numbers or about 400 full addresses. If the person called also has a PenTel phone, messages or pictures can be drawn on the screen and sent down the line at the press of another icon, interrupting speech for about half a second.

Writing can either be sent as a picture, or entered in the screen in block capitals, so that the computer can interpret the letters and send them in computer format.

Video phones are taking time to become popular: they are useless unless the person called has one too. The PenTel claims to avoid this problem by its ability to communicate with fax machines. Although the PenTel will probably be used at first simply to add graphics to telephone calls, in the longer term, its most useful function may be as a terminal capable of linking up with computers, in a similar fashion to the French Minitel system.

The phone will also have a socket for direct connection to a personal computer, so that information, such as long telephone lists, can be entered into the PC and copied into the phone's memory when complete.

One of the most impressive features of the PenTel is its low projected price. The £300 price-tag has been achieved by Eden Group partly by reusing much of the software which the company has already developed for the Amstrad Penpad handwriting recognition system. The company also rejected the latest, fastest and most glamorous chips in favour of tried and tested, widely available and cheap processors.

This has meant using a number of Texas Instruments chips which are so old they actually use computer "words" that are only eight bits long. Intel's forthcoming Pentium chip uses 32-bit words. The Eden approach is to use a separate processor for each function, rather than one huge processor for everything.

Another way in which costs have been cut is to make the software very thrifty in its use of memory, as memory is one of the more expensive commodities in any computer.

Mr Jenkins is now negotiating with several potential licencees for the PenTel, including Amstrad. The design is finalised, and production will not take long to set up he claims.

"The Amstrad Penpad took nine months from initial sketches on pieces of paper to mass production," he says. "The time products take to get to market is incredibly short these days."

Eden is also looking for partners for a product similar to the Amstrad organiser but with more sophisticated communications. The CA5 is a penpad with a six-inch liquid crystal screen capable of recognising handwriting in the same way as the Amstrad product.

It will also be able to communicate in a number of ways. Most important for people on the move will be the fax modem, enabling the device to send and receive faxes and to communicate with databases and computer systems. An infra-red link similar to those used in remote controls for televisions is provided for linking to personal computers, complete with a sensor that plugs into the PC's serial port.

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

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When the ground shifts under your feet

More and more employees are finding themselves working for outside companies, reports David Guest

A threat or a promise? This is the contrast faced by computer professionals as the practice of contracting out a company's information technology operations to be run by someone else grows in popularity.

According to a survey of companies using large IBM computers, by Hoskyns, the numbers contemplating facilities management — handing over responsibility for computing to a third party — are growing fast.

In 1991, 15 per cent considered outsourcing and 3 per cent actually took the step. Last year, the figures were 24 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

The trend has developed as companies have looked closely at whether information technology constitutes a core business activity. Organisations expect to save money through this sort of facilities management (FM). Since staff can represent more than half the average information technology department's budget, there is a strong implication that job losses will ensue.

Employees in a department where FM is being considered are likely to feel that the ground is moving under their feet. "Anyone in that position might view it with apprehension," says Peter Falconer, an FM operator and Hoskyns' associate director. "It is often an enforced change."

Two points could ease employees' anxieties. The first is that the individual has some statutory protection. The second is that an enforced change of employer, from a company with an information technology department to an FM service supplier, might easily represent an opportunity rather than a threat.

The question of employees' rights is gradually being clarified as FM becomes more common. The key expression is Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment), usually known as Tupe. This covers an individual's rights when his or her employer abruptly changes.

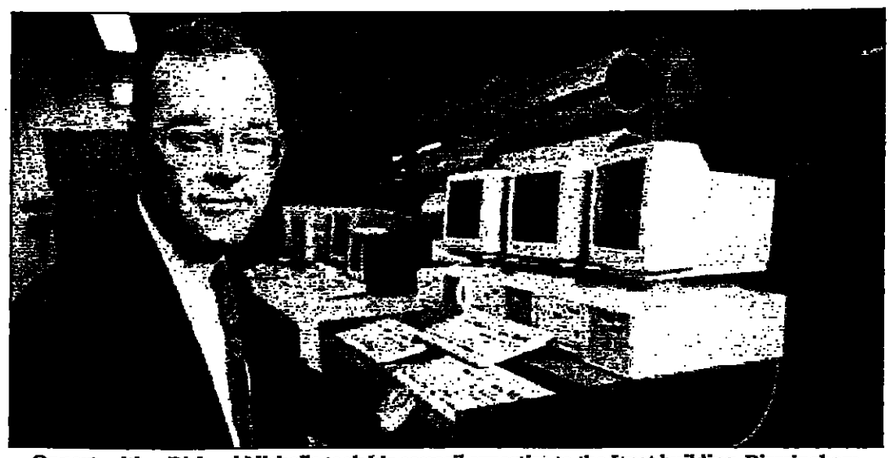
Christine McAnea, a national officer with the local government union Nalgo, says: "We have argued successfully with the London On-line local Authorities (Lola) that Tupe applies. So pay, terms and conditions, and contractual aspects like collective bargaining can be carried across."

The operations of Lola, a computer bureau serving a group of London boroughs, have been transferred to the FM subsidiary of ICL, and with them 200 employees.

Tupe also applies to private companies, Ms McAnea adds. It may not prevent redundancies but it can mitigate them. "If you can prove that redundancies have taken place solely as a result of the transfer," she says, "they can be challenged."

But Tupe has certain limitations. There is the question of what constitutes an undertaking. And the provisions give protection only for a year — after that, a company is free to renegotiate conditions.

Brian Wells, planning and strategy director of FM specialist Itnet, identifies a second type of job transfer as companies move towards FM. "A lot of customers are going this route," he says, "because they are doing something different — running a proprietary mainframe computer while developing new open systems, for example, or changing location — that can leave a group of people at risk in their own organisations. One of the risks facing staff in an internal data centre is that if they are not part of the new team they are seen as part of the legacy system. As an FM organisation we are offering continuity in both areas."



Opportunities: Richard Nicholls took his council expertise to the Itnet building, Birmingham

The element of opportunity in a move to an FM company stems mainly from the scale of such a company's operations. "It's a little glib to say that FM can actually save jobs, but it's true nonetheless," argues Mr Falconer.

"Organisations are looking at FM to enable them to make business decisions that won't be restricted by the information technology they have. Your average information technology person is vulnerable if cost-cutting is on the agenda."

Mr Wells adds: "It creates a number of opportunities." Itnet runs the equivalent of more than a dozen IBM mainframe sites for its customers, he says. "That offers opportunities in technical support, capacity planning, automation and productivity that a single site would not be able to match."

Mr Wells was information technology director of Birmingham City Council when its work was transferred to Itnet in 1989. One of his team leaders was Richard Nicholls, now an Itnet consultant. Mr Nicholls recalls it as a period of change, rumour and uncertainty.

The council, he says, was already moving towards competitive tendering in IT, and his team had recently bid successfully to produce a system to support competitive tendering in grounds maintenance. Then came the Itnet move.

"Having just won that contract, I felt a bit deflated," Mr Nicholls says. "I wasn't sure whether we would still do it." There was also some anxiety about career prospects. "I did start scanning the job ads, because the future was uncertain."

His experience at Itnet has been of chances to move on more quickly into different areas of work. "We didn't notice many changes straight away. My job continued and our project was implemented by Itnet." Since then, his career has advanced in a way he would not have foreseen as a local government employee.

"There will always be opportunities for people with the right skills and attitude to life," Mr Wells says. The company now employs 600 people. "We have had some layoffs, but I can't think of anybody who hasn't."

Mr Falconer adds: "Information technology is going through a rationalisation. When people join us we can at least find spaces for many if not all, and all we ever say to them is that we will offer them the same opportunities as those facing the people we already have."

He notes that opportunities should not be seen only in terms of high-flyers. "We have one man who joined from Hoover and he's spent the last year in Paris, helping the parent company set up an operation there. But a lot of people just want an interesting job, stability and to maintain the status quo."

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on the sculptors Alison Wilding and David Nash

Plane speaking in formal dress

Shortlisted for last year's Turner Prize, and widely expected to be the winner, **Alison Wilding** was passed over in favour of an artist 13 years her junior. In my view, the decision was ill-judged. For more than a decade, Wilding has sustained work rewarding enough to deserve the Turner accolade. Her steady determination to shun novelty-mongering and shock effects may not excite fashionable opinion. But her one-woman show at London's Karsten Schubert gallery proves that her quietness should never be confused with complacency or lack of inventiveness.

Far from standing still, she continues to extend her range. Nowhere more unpredictably than in *Difference*, a two-part sculpture on the ground floor. In the past, Wilding has become associated above all with the subtle manipulation of solid materials, juxtaposing granite with lead, slate with copper and rubber with steel. Here, by contrast, she confronts us in both parts with a wriggling mass of wire lines. Although soldered together, they make no attempt to cover the myriad holes left exposed by her brazen linear playfulness. She doodles in space, creating frankly transparent surfaces which expose the emptiness within the clear-cut forms.

In each part, an inverted cone reminiscent of a volcano rests on the floor. From its centre, a vertical funnel shape thrusts upwards like an eruption. The frantic, scribbled motion of the lines, as excitable as automatic writing, adds to the air of unleashed energy. But the paradox is that the overall character of these near-identical twins is sober and controlled. Wilding's repetition of the form, combined with the surprising clarity of its contour, gives the sculpture an ordered calm at odds with the looping, writhing craziness of the wire.

For a moment, solidity appears to be restored upstairs. In a small work called *Jar*, hung as high as a light-fitting on the wall, a lump of pale alabaster swells outwards like an egg or a fruit. Its sensuousness is intensified by the dark orange bruise spreading across its front. But the stone's rounded ripeness is undermined at its apex. A triangular segment has been sliced out, revealing a black walnut nugget inside. Contrasting with the translucency of the alabaster, this unexpected intrusion suddenly makes the rest of the carving look fragile.

The most arresting work in the exhibition, though, is positioned on the upstairs floor. Made largely from interlinked PVC slats, *Blue* seems weightless when viewed from a distance. Placed in front of windows, it appears to be on the point of dissolving in light. The edges are blurred and shimmering; the base is virtually invisible. So *Blue* would offer a direct challenge to the traditional bulk of sculpture, were it not for the patinated brass ball in the centre. Dark and clearly defined within these gossamer surroundings, it resembles a planet hovering in space. Only the ends of the slats, asserting themselves as a series of deep blue verticals, come anywhere near competing with the ball as the focus of attention.

Close-to, however, the balance of power between the two elements changes abruptly. Seen from the window side, the slats become far more substantial and crisply tangible. They lose their mystery, taking on an oppressive role instead. The ball now appears trapped inside them, like a survivor from a distant world preserved as a trophy within an alien setting. Battered and besmirched, peppered with tiny holes, the planet loses all the serenity it possessed from afar. It becomes melancholy and marooned, an uncomfortable anomaly conflicting with the bland, unblemished geometry of the enveloping structure.

No such clashes disrupt the sculpture in **David Nash**'s show at Annely Juda. Unseasoned fallen timber has been his preferred material for the past 20 years. Nothing is allowed to interfere with Nash's direct, absolute commitment to his chosen medium. He allows the intrinsic nature of the wood to guide him, thereby reviving and developing a "truth to materials" principle which nurtured much of the finest early 20th-century carving in Britain.

Nash does, admittedly, permit himself to burn the wood sometimes. In a work called *Red and Black*, spreading across most of the inner gallery's floor, lumps of alder are intermingled with pieces of charred oak. But there is nothing Wilding-like about the contrast between them. Nor do the blackened elements convey any disturbing undertones. Their soft, velvety surfaces are more redolent of campfires than funeral pyres.

Nash devotes much of his prolific output to open-air projects, whether near his rural home at Blaenau Ffestiniog or elsewhere. His *Ash Dome* has been growing in a 30-ft-diameter circle ever since he planted it, in 1977, on a woodland site inherited from his father. Within a few years, the 22 carefully bent and pruned trees will meet in a canopy.

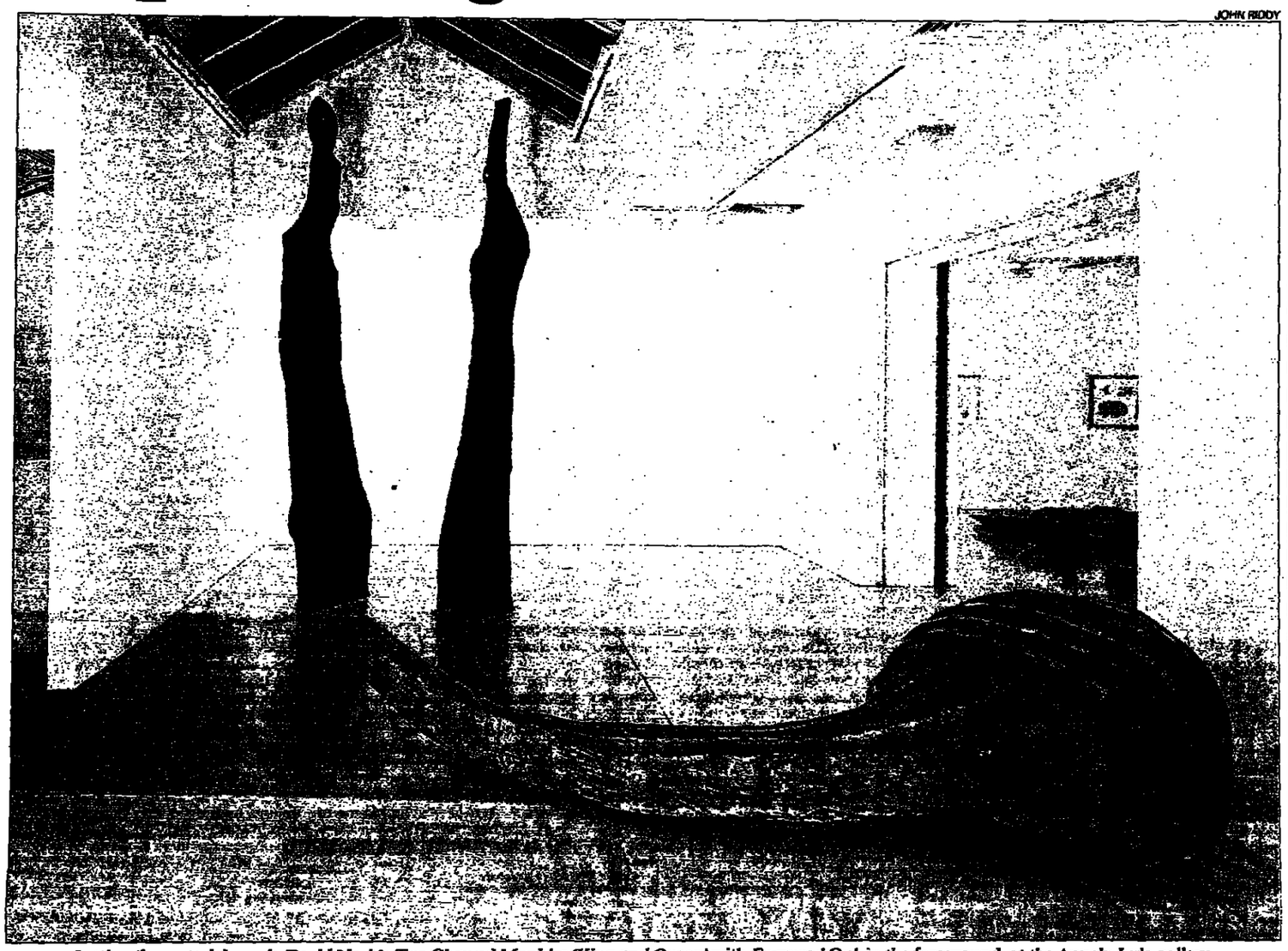
Nash relishes working with natural growth, and something might easily be lost once his sculpture has been transplanted to the white-walled neatness of an urban gallery. The Juda interior is, however, among the most pleasing exhibition spaces in London. Its wooden floor proves instantly hospitable to Nash's work, and even the tallest, most tree-like piece looks at home here. Called *Two Charred Menhirs (King and Queen)*, these elongated oak forms seem to acknowledge each other with ease. As the title suggests, they could well derive from a civilisation as ancient as the prehistoric era when the great standing stones were erected.

Nash feels an instinctive kinship with the oldest manifestations of humanity's presence in the landscape. But he salutes his anonymous forerunners without undue solemnity. The charred king and queen are quirky presences. Although they seem to eye one another through the holes pierced high up in each of their forms, Nash does not force a figurative identity on them. The innate character of the wood is retained by a sculptor who stops well short of dominating the material he employs. Here is an artist who tries to co-operate with the wood, using hand-tools or a machine-saw to define a form already inherent in the timber.

The *Furrowed Oak* carving, beached in the middle of the main gallery floor, assumes an eccentrically curved form which must have been dictated by the wood itself. The roughness of the surface reinforces the feeling that the oak's original identity has been respected. So has the beech in a seven-part work called *Wall Sheaves*, where all the components are sliced rather than obliged to undergo a complete transformation.

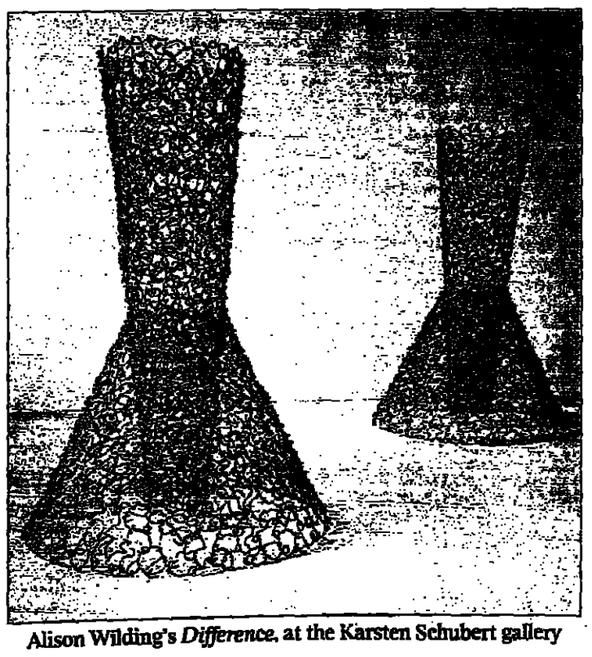
Nash invites us to take pleasure in the simplicity of his delicate intervention. Nothing is pushed too far, and a free-standing redwood carving entitled *Shrine* has been opened up to reveal a tall, raw form honouring the shape of the original tree. Still flanked on either side by the wings of the trunk, *Shrine* lives up to its name by appearing to hallow the form within. At once disclosing and protecting, it should ideally inhabit a place on the edge of the primordial forest where Nash's imagination has always thrived.

● Alison Wilding at Karsten Schubert (071-631 0031) until May 22; David Nash at Annely Juda (071-629 7578) until June 19. More sculpture by Wilding is at the Ikon Gallery, Birmingham (021-643 0708) until June 5.



JOHN RIDDY

Letting the material speak: David Nash's *Two Charred Menhirs (King and Queen)* with *Furrowed Oak* in the foreground, at the Annely Juda gallery



Alison Wilding's *Difference*, at the Karsten Schubert gallery

The property of a lady, or maybe not

ART MARKET DIARY

Peter's platform?

AUCTIONEERS are facing a new challenge: how to avoid losing consignments through unforeseen litigation. Earlier this year Christie's was forced to cancel the lavishly-promoted auction of majolica amassed by the pharmaceutical billionaire Arthur Sackler because of claims on the property by an ex-wife. More recently both Sotheby's and Christie's have been on tenterhooks as to whether two separate sales of paintings once collected by Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos will go ahead despite claims by the Philippine Presidential Commission for Good Government and one Mrs Sandra Garcia, a property magnate's wife who claims she is owed for the security bill when Mrs Marcos returned to her home country after her husband's death.

In March, following a judgment at the Manhattan Federal District Court, preparations were made for the sale of old master works by Brueghel, Hals and Steen at Sotheby's on May 20 and Impressionist works by Renoir, Matisse and Braque at Christie's on May 12. Then Mrs Garcia said she had not understood what the lawyer said, and that she did not accept the judgment and wanted to re-open the case. "It is all in a state of flux" said James Linn, Mrs Marcos's lawyer.

But all is not lost. "It could be that we enter into an agreement to sell the paintings and then argue over the proceeds," said Linn. Yesterday Christie's New York lawyer Patty Hambrecht said that she is certain that her company's sale will go ahead.

BRITISH Rail is not known for throwing money around, especially when it comes to cheering up the customers. It is a surprise, therefore, to discover that no less than £70,000 has been earmarked to pay for a contemporary art work to grace the new Waterloo International Terminal. Phrases such as "grand projet" and "gateway to Europe" are rolling off the collective executive lips.

Another shock is that the shortlist of four artists includes Peter Greenaway, best known as the maker of such highly mannered films as *The Draughtsman's Contract* and *Prospero's Books*. Vivien Lovell, director of the Public Art Commissions Agency which has been helping BR in this venture, says the patrons are looking for "light, colour and interactive qualities" to inspire the estimated 15 million passengers expected to enjoy the "gateway" experience each year, and that film or video art is a strong possibility. Could this venture into the avant-garde result in giant cinema screens filled with posturing men in periwigs? The winner will be announced in August.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

TELEVISION

Read the lies of the land

Tales from the Map Room
BBC 2

The only trustworthy map is a blank sheet of paper; such was the rather startling inference of last night's first instalment of *Tales From the Map Room*. With its no-nonsense subtitle, "A Tissue of Lies", and its schoolmistressy Welsh narration, it left the naïve cartophiles of this world in no doubt that "all maps are the creation of their makers".

Historically, map-makers followed party lines; they put their own culture at the centre of the world and distorted the stuff round the edge. They left things out; they put things in; they were the jobsworths of the drawing-board. Thus, when Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern stood on the deck of their Danish ship and wondered whether England existed ("A conspiracy of cartographers, then?"), perhaps it wasn't such a paranoid worry, after all.

They used to say that biography was about chaps and geography about maps; but now it seems more complicated, with maps the product of chaps. Friendly curators from the British Library's map collection explained (with commendable freshness, as though they didn't do it all the time) the impossibility of representing a three-dimensional object by a two-dimensional image. The trouble with the Mercator Projection of 1569, for example, is that it simply unwrapped the globe and pressed it flat, with the effect that at the extremities — Greenland, South America — the landmasses swelled up out of all proportion.

If one started to feel disorientated, that was the point. We were reminded that the so-called map of the London Underground is actually a diagram, which chucks out all considerations of scale or compass points. Our hugely-detailed British Ordnance Survey maps don't show military establishments or Early Warning Systems: illustrated by a man braking to a standstill on the North Yorkshire moors, pulled up short by an attack of cartographic confusion. What were these huge, unearthly golf balls on the landscape? The OS map didn't say. He looked up and saw golf balls; he looked down and saw an empty field. Evidently the map-makers had been tying their shoelaces or something: all very mysterious.

A nice combination of effects was used: a bit of dramatisation (the man with the golf balls; Robert Louis Stevenson drawing his map of Treasure Island); plus graphics and interviews and the stalwart Ken Morse (rostrum photographer) helping our eyes wander across oceans and continents of map. To the cartomaniac, it was heaven. It was also rather gratifying, from the (hem, hem) *Times* loyal servant point of view, to see our own Peter Brookes interviewed in the Art Editor's office about his famous geo-political cartoons, in which Mrs Thatcher, in the exact shape of Great Britain, sits granite-faced with her back to Europe, her feet in Cornwall, her rump in East Anglia, and her hair all freaked up towards John O'Groats.

The only real problem with this first programme was its implication that maps always represent somebody's subjective view of the world; and that they therefore amount to "lies". I found myself feeling sorry for the poor well-intentioned blighters at the OS, who surely don't deserve hate mail just for observing the Official Secrets Act. But it's easy to get carried away once a certainty has been jolted. "What's the good of Mercator's North Poles and Equators?" I found myself quoting from Lewis Carroll's *Hunting of the Snark*. "They are merely conventional signs!"

LYNNE TRUSS

CRITIC'S CHOICE: LONDON GALLERIES

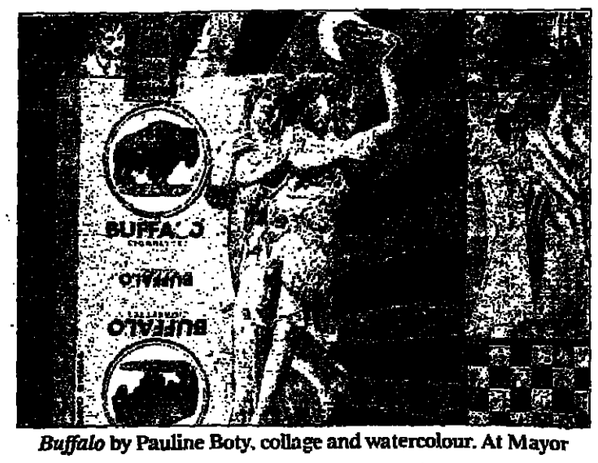
● **JOHN DOWNTON:** Not another unsung British master of the Thirties? Well yes, but Downton (1906-1991) is really authentically odd. Trained first as an art historian, he was a contemporary of Moynihan and Coldstream at the Slade, but persisted in painting his own post-modernist versions of Crivelli and such, applying the style to bizarrely modern subjects. His temperas look like Schrimpf or early Balthus or even Botero, but like very little in contemporary British art, which perhaps explains why he never exhibited after 1940 and never had a one man show in his life.
Fine Arts Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 5116). Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat, 11am-4pm, until May 28.

● **PAULINE BOTY:** A rediscovery of a rather different generation. Pauline Boty was born in 1938 and died of leukaemia in 1966, when she was just beginning to make a name for herself as a painter instead of merely as one of the great beauties of the swinging Sixties.
Large claims are made for her art in the current Sixties show at the Barbican Gallery and here, on cue, is a chance to test them by further exposure to her paintings. The truth about her place in art history seems to be, as usual, betwixt and between. She was undoubtedly promising, as a routine pop artist, but it is hard to guess which way she might have developed, or whether her later work would have been more markedly personal.
Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, W1 (071-734 3558). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until June 25.

● **GRAHAM SUTHERLAND AS PRINTMAKER:** Accompanying the show which opened last week of Sutherland prints at the Fine Arts Society, which carried the story up to 1938, this summarises the later printmaking career from the point at which he took up lithography in 1950 to his death in 1980, and includes major works from the great portfolios of animal-inspired prints, *A Bestiary and Some Correspondences* 1965-68, *The Bees* (1977) and *Le Vestiaire ou Cortège d'Orphée* (1979). These tend to confirm the view that Sutherland's best later work was done in the smaller, more disciplined forms rather than in the frequently over-expanded paintings.
Marlborough Graphics, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (071-629 5161). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until June 12.

● **MIDWINTER MODERN:** Another example of post Festival of Britain design is dusted off and displayed to eyes dim or misty (maybe) with nostalgia. Actually the everyday household ceramics of the Midwinter Pottery are looking pretty good now. Not so much the quaint and olde-worlde pieces of the 1930s, but certainly the self-consciously forward-looking tableware produced under the direction of Roy Midwinter between 1950 and the factory's closure in 1987.
Most notable among the latter are the Stylecraft and Fashion ranges, designed by such as Hugh Casson and Terence Conran. Their ideas have worn well, aesthetically, and have begun to look stylish again.
Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, W3, (081-992 1612). Mon-Fri, 1-5pm, Sat-Sun 1-6pm, until August 31.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR



Buffalo by Pauline Boty, collage and watercolour. At Mayor

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA/ENSEMBLE INTERCONTEMPORAIN: Pierre Boulez conducts the British premiere of *Antiphones*, a major work for piano and orchestra by Sir Harrison Birtwistle. Schoenberg (*Music for Imaginary Film*) and Stravinsky (*Pulcinella*) complete the programme. Before the concert, at 6pm, conductor and composer present an exploration of the new piece.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

KODO DRUMMERS. The percussionists, who live a disciplined lifestyle on the Japanese island of Sado, return to London with their dramatic, ritualistic music evoking the emotional and spiritual power of the drum.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. Also May 11-15.

DON QUIXOTE: The critics have not taken kindly to the Royal Ballet's latest production, but the public has been lapping it up. It provides plenty of opportunity for display dancing, set against the elegant and spare designs of Mark Thompson.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE EVERLY BROTHERS: The masters of two-part harmony, Don and Phil Everly, have broken and made up almost as often as hits like "Wake Up, Little Susie" and "Cathy's Clown" are played on nostalgia radio. They reform for three London dates, finishing at the Albert Hall on May 19.
Hammersmith Apollo, Queen Caroline Road, W14 (081-741 4868), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Jonathan Miller's knockabout version of the Rossini opera, in John Abulafia's restaging, is revived by English National Opera, using the clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Michael Lewis returns to the role of Figaro, while Della Jones sings Rosina. Peter Bronder returns as Almaviva, Arwel Huw Morgan sings Bartolo, and Richard Angas returns as Basilio. Mark Shanahan conducts the opening night.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE CHINESE WOLF: Sizzling dialogue in David Ashton's new play, described as half *High Noon*, half *Alice in Wonderland*, in which a mother's boy (Desmond Barrit) finds love and makes a stand against the local hard man.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

REGIONAL

BRIGHTON: A rare visit by the American troupe **Limón Dance Company** brings works new and old, including José Limón's modern dance classic, *The Moor's Pavane*. It tells the story of Othello and is danced to Purcell's music.
Gardner Centre, University of Sussex (0273 676926 for details), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.45pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The David Glass Ensemble takes its acclaimed interpretation of Mervyn Peake's gothic classic **Gormenghast** on a countrywide tour. The production uses Kabuki, poor-theatre, mime and puppetry to create the fantastic world of the crumbling baroque kingdom.
MAC, Edgbaston Road (021-440 3838), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

MOLD: Sharp wits in Naples. Marcello Magni in the title role as Molière's *Mr Fixit* in **Wiseguy Scapino**.
Emlyn Williams Theatre, Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm; opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm.

OXFORD: Krzysztof Penderecki may have been supplanted as probably the best known of his generation of Polish composers by the recent remarkable rise of Henryk Gorecki, but he still has a high enough profile in the West to be able to celebrate his 60th birthday with a UK tour. Here he conducts the **Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra** in his neo-Romantic Symphony No 2 ("Christmas") together with Rossini's overture *Italian Girl in Algiers* and Dvořák's Symphony No 9.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street (0865 864056), tonight, 8pm.

WARWICK: The **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** gives a programme of "Degenerate Music" or music considered undesirable by the Nazis, comprising Mendelssohn's overture *Ruy Blas*, Korngold's Violin Concerto (with Gil Shaham), Weill's *Threepenny Opera Suite* and Hindemith's *Symphony Mathis der Maler*. Lawrence Foster conducts. (See review, right.)
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 524524), tomorrow, 8pm.

WHITEHAVEN, CUMBRIA: The assured young jazz vocalist **Claire Martin** joins up with saxophonist Iain Ballamy, pianist Robin Aspland, bass player Arnie Somogyi and drummer Clark Tracey.
Rosehill Theatre (0946 692422), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production. David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

□ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **CRACKS:** Martin Sherman's precise and hilarious spoof thriller demolishing the Californian freak scene of 1973.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 105mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN:** Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tart romance to their usual high standard, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **LION IN THE STREETS:** Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

■ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, 7.15pm. 140mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT:** Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

□ **TOTAL ECLIPSE:** Verlaine and Rimbaud go racketing around Europe. Enjoyable revival of Christopher Hampton's early play.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS. □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... □ **Lost in Yonkers**: Strand (071-930 8800) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **GROUNDHOG DAY** (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **RICH IN LOVE** (PG): Aggravating, docile tale of a dysfunctioning Charleston family, from the *Driving Miss Daisy* team. Bruce Beresford directs Albert Finney, Kathryn Erbe.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **TRESPASS** (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA (071-930 3647).

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1** (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, comball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer. Crystal also directs.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Magical meditation on art and nature from Victor Erice (*The Spirit of the Beehive*).
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
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THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** at the opening of Chichester Festival Theatre's summer season


JOHN TIMBERS

Mellifluous mentor: The Bishop of Chelsea (Tony Britton) has advice for Sykes (Roger Moss) and Edith (Amanda Waring) regarding marriage

Old country customs and rites

Getting Married
Chichester

RAIN must sometimes fall on Chichester because its grass is richly green, trees are approaching full leaf and the lilacs grow thick in the hedges. And yet I do not remember a wet evening here. This year, as always, the welcoming band played in the open air, and well-dressed patrons strolled from the restaurant to the theatre, fingering their bow ties or stoles. This is the last regional theatre where audiences regularly make an effort to dress up. Even the critics look neat.

Shaw's disquisition on marriage, for and against (and mainly against), is a very Chichester play — and not because play and city both contain a bishop. Peter Bridge produced this play in the Sixties, drawing audiences with his star-studded cast, and the play responds to such attention. It has a dozen cameo roles, some meatier than others, but all enabling an actor to earn laughter for a Shavian paradox.

Furthermore, the play's situations are only playful. Characters suffer discomfiture but no real pain. They talk; indeed, Shaw promised audiences that there would be "nothing but talk, talk, talk, talk," and he kept his promise. Remarks about polygamy and divorce may have sent a flutter through his 1908 audience but they are amiably unshocking today.

More offence, or perhaps irritation, but certainly bemusement, will be caused by young Hotchkiss's insouciant concern to move among gentlemen. Shaw mockingly defined this curious breed elsewhere but Hotchkiss (Robert Bathurst), the devoted attendant upon married women, goes on so about gentlemen that it would be helpful to know what he means. Chaps who eat rice pudding with a spoon were not gentlemen. Perhaps this was a funnier joke in the Edwardian age.

In a more significant area the play is now thoroughly dated. All the characters are focusing on the married state: the General wants to marry the frigid Lesbia (whether she is a lesbian is uncertain); Leo (a woman) wants to marry two men; the Bishop of Chelsea's daughter, due to be married that day, decides the conditions are intolerable for women while her groom discovers how unfair they are to men.

The action takes place around a long refectory table in the Bishop's medieval kitchen, and the central issue is that marriage will always be traumatic while divorce is so difficult. The ease and acceptability of modern divorce therefore takes the stuffing out of the play and throws it in the bin. What remains is paradox, wit and amusement in the first half, and conspicuously less of all three in the second.

But again, the play's old-fashioned air makes it seem just what Chichester audiences order. Much-loved faces open their mouths and well-remembered voices emerge. Here is Bernard Gallagher's greengrocer being the not-quite-ordinary tradesman. Christopher Benjamin's General plonks his feet in a military manner, splutters and goes splendidly red. Moray Watson, the injured husband, moves elegantly and says "Ha!". They do what Frank Hauser directs them to do and this is pleasant enough, witty early on and passes the time nicely. Is it ungrateful to ask for more?

No, it is not, because there seems no reason for doing the play at all if we are not to be shown something there that bears upon the present day. However mellifluously Tony Britton conveys the Bishop's humanity, history has answered his hopes in ways that jar against the lines without this jarring leading to any new insight.

Matronly Dorothy Tutin, playing the clairvoyant Mayoress, is in her usual fine voice, occasionally allowing herself endearing whooping noises — her cackle, too, is good — but when she enters her trance and speaks "from the back of Godspeed", wherever that may be, telling of what woman has given to man, Godspeed knows what she and Shaw are trying to tell us. Tutin keeps the audience still and trying to understand but there was no rapture in her utterance.

By this time anyway the play is disintegrating. Shaw perfunctorily wraps the young couple together and we all go out into the moonlight wondering what *that* was about.

DANCE

Always something fresh

Transitions
Bloomsbury

ONE HUNDRED per cent turnover every year in its dancers is unusual for a dance company, but Transitions is an unusual company. Started ten years ago, it exists to provide graduates of the Laban Centre's dance theatre course with a fourth year of work as a stepping stone between studies and professional career.

Each year a fresh batch of young dancers rehearse a programme, always with at least some new pieces so that they work directly with choreographers, then perform it on tour in Britain and abroad. This year they have already been to the USA, and later this month they will visit Korea, Japan and China.

Programming policy, understandably, favours several short works by different choreographers (something different from what the dancers will mostly meet later). The programme given at the Bloomsbury Theatre on Tuesday included two new pieces and three revivals. Although made with these dancers, Rui Horta's *Standby* showed them less at home with his tense drama of conflicting relationships than with the rest of the repertoire. There was no lack of enthusiasm but only limited conviction in their playing of a man whose cheerful mood is wrecked by nightmare figures.

The other new piece, Ellen Bromberg's *The Healing*, suited the dancers' abilities better. Starting from one unhappy figure (her solo began flatly with conventional gestures but soon became more agitated and original), it developed with the arrival of a man who intervened with ambiguously supportive or aggressive effect, soon echoed by further participants.

The strongest of the older works was *Naufrages*, in which Claude Brumachon chose figures of 18th-century formality repeatedly collapsing on the spot with increasingly violent despair: a metaphor for the shipwreck of their emotions and character. Two choreographers who were formerly Laban students contributed more banal movement metaphors, respectively of would-be meaningful but unreadable gestures (Lea Anderson's *But We Don't Know What We're Saying*) and of life as a journey (David Massingham's *Navigator*). Transitions is lucky in having a fund, set up to honour its founder Bonnie Bird, to help attract choreographers from overseas: Horta, Bromberg and Brumachon come from Portugal, America and France.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Restoring the balance

CBSO/Foster
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE wonderful irony of Nazi discrimination against "degenerate" art is that it has made it so much easier for later generations to identify and celebrate the true creative heroes of the 1930s. The programme selected by Lawrence Foster for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's concerts in Leeds, Symphony Hall and the Barbican this week is only one of many that could usefully be compiled from the works of banned composers.

If Korngold cannot claim full heroic status, after selling out to Hollywood, his presence alongside Weill and Hindemith at least illuminates their individuality and independence. Devastatingly well written, appealingly melodious in its first two movements and brilliantly witty in the third, Korngold's Violin Concerto is nevertheless a compilation, a reworking of material from old film scores, obligingly but unconvincingly put together for Hubermann just after the war.

Gil Shaham plays it beautifully and, while finding no consistent personality or expressive purpose in it, he indulges its more commercial aspects without a too thick or too sweet application of synthetic sentiment. There is more corn than gold in it, perhaps, but where there are signs of life Shaham and Foster are highly effective in making musical reality of them.

It is true that Weill's *Little Threepenny Music* and Hindemith's *Mathis der Maler* Symphony are also compilations. But they are compiled from material so inspired in the first place that its individuality survives in a different arrangement.

If the Weill suite sounded more entertaining than passionate on this occasion in Symphony Hall it is because it was treated that way, stylishly but without the bitter cynicism which is an essential part of it. *Mathis der Maler*, on the other hand, was performed with uncommon emotional commitment.

Finely prepared in detail, carefully balanced in texture, most effectively coloured — the scarcely perceptible entry of the strings in the slow uncoiling of temptation at the beginning of the third movement was particularly well achieved — it was also so spontaneous that, far from faltering in the finale's changes of direction, tension actually accumulated and made the closing chorale the climax it so rarely is.

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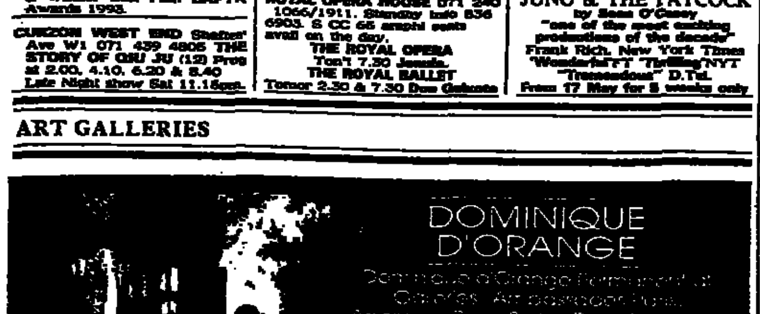
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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Electricity without the volts ... Morrissey as live as he'll ever be ... and a dance experiment fails

The revolution is being televised

If you want a hit, dump the amps, grab an acoustic axe and get on to MTV's *Unplugged*. **David Sinclair** tunes in

People who don't like rock music have always complained *that it is* too loud. But the unqualified and unpredicted success of MTV's *Unplugged* show — which requires participants from Paul McCartney to Pearl Jam to perform using only acoustic instruments — suggests that even people who do like rock would now prefer to hear it played at a quieter volume.

From its humble beginnings in January 1990 as a low-budget novelty item (the first show was an improvised session featuring members of Squeeze and Syd Straw) *Unplugged* has blossomed into a major money-spinning, career-boosting phenomenon.

Acts to have appeared on the show include Aerosmith, R.E.M., Sting, Annie Lennox, the Cure, Elton John and Elvis Costello. But the two performances that really cemented *Unplugged*'s popularity were those by Eric Clapton and Mariah Carey in March and April 1992.

Although it was not planned beforehand, both Carey and Clapton subsequently released live recordings of their sets on the programme. Carey's *MTV Unplugged* album provided her with five Top 20 singles, while Clapton's *Unplugged* has become the most successful album of his long career: five million copies sold in America alone and still in the *Billboard* Top Five.

At a time when the vast scale and computerised sophistication of rock production, both in the studio and on stage, has led to increasingly inflexible and "unnatural" results, *Unplugged* has unwittingly exposed a powerful grass-roots demand for a return to the verities of a simpler age.

"People like the intimacy of it," says Rick Krim, a vice president of MTV. "But I think it's also to do with the musicianship that is required for these shows. It appeals to fans who want to hear the real thing, stripped of all the over-production and studio effects."

In New York last month to tape *Unplugged* shows were Midnight Oil, Henry Rollins, Soul Asylum and 10,000 Maniacs, the last-named being the first group to do the show twice. Their previous appearance was in February 1990 when, according to Dennis Drew, their keyboard player, the whole affair was both casually undertaken and woefully under-rehearsed: "It sounded terrible."

> 'I've often wondered what it would be like not to have to yell during a performance'

This time their appearance was preceded by several weeks of discussions and rehearsals. The five-piece group was augmented by a small string section and two bassoon players; and a guest appearance by David Byrne resulted in dapper country harmony versions of Iris Dement's "Let The Mystery Be", Dolly Parton's "Jolene" and Joe Ely's "Dallas". Although the tension in the studio was palpable and several retakes were required, the final result was impressive.

Later the same night, in front of a crowd of about 300 people, American hardcore rockers Soul Asylum turned in an equally engaging and mellifluous performance, the highlight being a duet between vocalist David Perner and Lulu singing her old hit "To Sir With Love".

The show's production team, which likes to play an active role in selecting which songs the bands will play, encourages such unlikely liaisons and the inclusion of odd cover versions. "This is your little playground. Have fun with it," is the motto, according to Krim. The acts themselves regard the prospect of doing the show with a mixture of terror and glee.

"There are a lot of things you can hide in a regular concert," Drew says. "To do it this way you have to try and play with more finesse. It makes you rediscover all the elements of the songs. That's the real purpose of the show, and I think it accomplishes its purpose. Maybe we all rely too heavily on modern electronic effects and plain volume. This way, maybe more of the subtleties can come out in the music, because it's not the usual barrage of decibels."

Natalie Merchant, 10,000 Maniacs' singer, agrees. "This is the direction I've been interested in going for years. I really enjoyed performing like that because I didn't have to strain. I have more control over my voice. I've often wondered what it would be like not to have to yell during a performance, because that's essentially what I do. Usually my diaphragm is completely constricted, and I'm screaming all night."

For some bands the prospect of performing minus their electric power tools is too radical to contemplate. After exploratory discussions, both Metallica and AC/DC declined to appear, but Krim is still hoping to lure Guns N' Roses on to the show. With a few exceptions (Whitney Houston is mentioned) it is the artists who are now clamouring to get on the show rather than the other way round.

"Our biggest problem now is that everybody who comes on the show wants to do a record," Krim says, aware that the format could be in danger of losing its special shine. "But we want to be careful with the trademark and not flood the market. It's one thing to have a successful television show, but we're not a record company."

Even so, what began as a light-hearted lunch-hour project, away from the normal high-voltage grind, has clearly evolved into something far more significant. Clapton, whose album did not surface until five months after the initial television broadcast, was reluctant to have it released at all. In sharp contrast, Rod Stewart's forthcoming album, *Unplugged ... And Seated*, will be released worldwide, with full promotional fanfare, a week after transmission in America on May 17.

Stewart, whose appearance on the show was described by his manager Arnold Stiefel in *Billboard* as "a premeditated career move", is even planning to undertake an acoustic tour to promote the album.

According to Drew, the phenomenon is part of a broader reaction against some of the wilder excesses of modern rock. "There are an awful lot of mums and dads in their thirties and forties who are just not going to stick a Metallica or an Ice-T album on their CD players, then go and see to the kids. Those heavy artists and rough, noisy sounds don't cut it for a generation that is still buying a lot of new records."

● Our Time In Eden *by 10,000 Maniacs is available on Elektra (7559-61385-2). Rod Stewart's* Unplugged ... And Seated *is released on May 24.*

FRANK MICELOTTA



Can you hear OK at the back? David Byrne and Natalie Merchant, of 10,000 Maniacs, rock out gently

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

IZIT began their career during the "rare groove" period of the late 1980s. Just as a brief reminder: this was a fad which involved hunting for obscure funk records from the 1970s, a search conducted by methods previously only known to Sherlock Holmes, followed by tearful farewells to substantial bundles of cash.

Financially crippled by the burden of being rare groove fans, a number of London enthusiasts formed their own bands. In no time at all, they were creating facsimiles of arcane singles and thus caused a market crash only equalled in its effects by the property slump. Izit were early culprits. They recorded a cover version of a song entitled "Stories". To this day, my barber insists that Izit's version is the original, despite the fact that I own the original.

This is a real band, with saxophones, flutes, a drummer and other archaic devices. Released on the Tongue & Groove label, their new single, "One By One", is a typically cool affair with fetching vocals from Sam Edwards that are wobbly enough to be termed jazz. There will be no *Top of the Pops* live by satellite appearance from the beaches of Los Angeles, but this is not what such outfits are all about.

Their purpose is to play live, although a debut album, *The Whole Affair*, will be released before the summer is too far gone. Despite the emphasis on live playing, Izit's name was born out of a technological glitch. When Tony Coleman, the founder and composer of the band, sampled the word "music" into a digital sampler, the pesky machine nipped away the first letter. "Izit, izit, izit" spoke the machine. Coleman decided there and then that this was the perfect name for his band. Was it? Why not?

DAVID TOOP

Shocked if not stunned

Rock met dance in New York, when Mikhail Baryshnikov and Michelle Shocked topped Mark Morris's bill

Given New York's cultural overload, there is only one way for producers to capture attention. Heap on the stars, build up the attractions, until an event becomes an absolute must-see. Thus it was with Mark Morris's *Dances to American Music*: a sold-out weekend of celebrity performances at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Not just two world premieres here, not only Mikhail Baryshnikov and Morris himself dancing, but also live music played by luminaries as varied as the cellist Yo-Yo Ma and Michelle Shocked, as well as costumes by the hottest young designer in town, Isaac Mizrahi.

If the resultant glamour was almost too much — Tama Janowitz chatting to Lou Reed, Park Avenue hostesses air-kissing — it just proved the power Morris now wields as one of the few choreographers willing to put his energy and fame behind contemporary dance. Morris has been aided in this by the White Oak Dance Project, which he created with Baryshnikov in 1990. Here, members of White Oak shared the stage with Morris's own dance group.

As a choreographer largely inspired by his choice of music, Morris can be at a disadvantage. This was most evident in the first piece, the world premiere of *Mosaic and Untitled* to Henry Cowell's *String Quartets* Nos 3 and 4. The music was so beautiful and this rare performance so perfect, thanks to Ma's cello, that it seemed an unnecessary distraction to have dancers in unfortunate pastel ensembles by Mizrahi gliding around.

Of course, it was exciting to see Baryshnikov. The simple gestures hardly taxed him, but he demonstrated that rare ability for a dancer to do almost nothing, but do it stylishly. He lay on the ground, dirty bare feet waving at the audience (as if naked soles were the main difference between contemporary and classical dance), while the strings hummed: an insect trembling in its death throes. But Morris's aesthetic is inherently jolly and perhaps the best section was a jig, a sort of sea-shanty meets Peking Opera, danced with joyous energy.

Likewise the best part of the second world premiere, *Home*, was the ferocious stomping, tap-dancing hoe-down performed by Morris and his dancers to the fast fiddle-playing of Michelle Shocked and the bass of Rob Wasserman. The punky Texan folksinger and Grammy-winning bassist stood at the side, the set stripped back to the bare bricks of the theatre, and the dancers in suitably rural russet tones.

But while the hoedowns were great fun and performed with infectious enthusiasm, the sung laments interspersed into the set were altogether less convincing. Putting live singing and dancing together is inherently dangerous and the dilemma of narrative dance was posed by the all-female ensemble acting out a sentimental ballad called "Yolanda". Shocked's voice was not at its best, and the wailing lament and flailing limbs of the dancers combined to embarrassing effect. Somehow, Morris's sensibility does not seem suited to coy Americana.

If Shocked's contribution was the most anticipated and least effective, the *Three Preludes* of Gershwin, played with a smoky, Tin Pan Alley charm by pianist Linda Dowdell, were the most impressive section of the evening. Danced on alternate nights by Morris and Baryshnikov, wearing black and white outfits with gloves that made the hands oddly outsized, they conjured a range of American references, from Mickey Mouse to Chaplin or even Michael Jackson, all with effortless grace and simplicity.

The last section, *Grand Duo*, to music by Lou Harrison, began with one of those portentous, symbolic tableaux vivants that recall the worst of New Age performance, a ring of dancers in silhouette pointing to the sky. This gesture was repeated throughout the piece which, with the multi-cultural, SF score by Harrison, began to seem like a visitation by aliens.

The extraordinary, surprisingly rare pleasure of hearing live music in a dance context should never overwhelm the choreography itself. It began to seem during this evening that Morris was less a great choreographer than a DJ with excellent taste in both music and musicians.

ADRIAN DANNATT

MARTHA SWOPE



Taking steps towards the beat: the Mark Morris group



Shocked: not at her best

RECORDS: Morrissey thrashes P.J. Harvey in the battle of the surnames

A royal feast of Stephen

MORRISSEY
Beethoven Was Deaf
(His Master's Voice CDCSD 3791)
THE sleeve notes are brief ("Sixteen songs performed live at The Zenith in Paris on 22 December 1992 before 6,500 people"), the photograph is grainy (Morrissey with his tongue sticking out) and the recording, mixed by Bob Clearmountain, is as simple and sharp as a needle.

The magic, however, is all in the performance: a bravura display by a musical unit that has evolved into much more than a mere backing band (all songs are co-written by guitarist Alain Whyte) and a *tour de force* by their leader, a star whose singing has at last acquired the gravity to match the over-heated expectations of his fans.

The tone is set from the start by the hot-wired rockabilly of "You're The One For Me, Fatty", and consolidated by a devastating "National Front Disco" which dissolves into a haze of shrieking feedback and sounds of destruction.

From there the pace never falters, and whether it be the slap-bass boogie of "The Loop" or the overwrought balladry of "I Know It's Gonna Happen Someday" (recently covered by David Bowie), the vitality and authority of the performances are absolute.

Although a wide-ranging trawl through most of Morrissey's post-Smith's career, *Beethoven Was Deaf* perversely avoids all the early hits except "Suedehead" and "November Spawned A Monster". Still, Morrissey thinks it is the best album he has made and I'm inclined to agree. It certainly takes the prize for best title.

P.J. HARVEY
Rid Of Me
(Island 514 696)
HER debut, *Dry*, was one of the most outstanding and original albums released last year, but Polly Jean Harvey and her eponymous group have made a grave misjudgment in racing to complete the follow-up before assembling enough good songs to do justice to their prodigious talent.

Rid Of Me has its moments — notably the measured clanky riff and sad, rising chorus of "Missed", the powerhouse belt of "Yuri-G" and the sub-Hendrix guitar antics on "Ecstasy" — but these are few and far between.

Most of the songs actually sound worse the more you hear them. While formless, wailing rants like "Rub 'Til It Bleeds" and gratuitously discordant riffs such as "Hook" sound abrasive and dramatic, they lack coherence, let alone any sort of melodic appeal. Among many radical shots which fall wide of the mark are a scratchy and ultimately pointless deconstruction of Bob Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited" and a caterwauling string arrangement on "Man-Size Sextet" that is virtually unlistenable.

Thanks to the intense level of expectation the album is already a hit, but it's a great shame that a promising new band should have saddled themselves with such a useless body of material at this vital stage of their development.

PORNO FOR PYROS
Porno For Pyros
(Warner Bros 9362-45228)
THE new band led by Perry Farrell, former Jane's Addiction supremo, Porno For Pyros sticks fairly closely to the diet of risqué rocking 'n' ranting that was the hallmark of Farrell's previous group. The lyrics cheerfully dabble in all sorts of bizarre taboos, some of them a bit grim, but the music is not nearly so challenging.

For all the shrieking, Farrell's voice has a robotic quality, quite devoid of passion or personality, and he is more a spot-welder than a sculptor of melodies. The frenetic funk of "Bad Shit" is about as good as it gets, but there is nothing here that the Red Hot Chili Peppers haven't already done with greater élan.

RICHARD THOMPSON
Watching The Dark
(Hannibal HNCD 5303)
A GIFTED singer and a truly original guitarist and writer, Richard Thompson developed an English style which "rocked without relying on America or the blues", as Leslie Berman puts it in his perceptive sleeve-notes.

Boasting many rare and previously unreleased performances, this three-disc retrospective spanning the years 1969 to 1992 is aimed primarily at the kind of Thompson obsessive who will be excited to discover several tracks from that elusive first recording of the 1982 album *Shoot Out The Lights*, the version scrapped by Thompson for being too smooth.

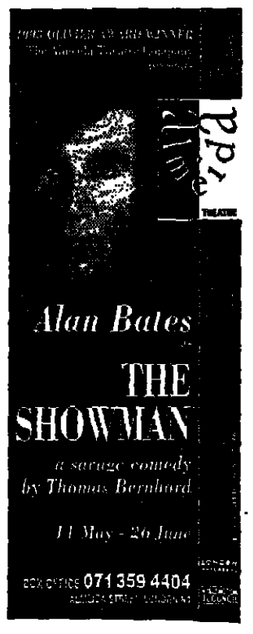
There are mainstream favourites such as "Wall Of Death" among the rarities, and enjoyable live versions of classics such as "When The Spell Is Broken" and "Calvary Cross". Thompson is such a frighteningly disciplined performer that even his most obscure and peripheral work repays attention.

DAVID SINCLAIR

FRANK MICELOTTA



This charming man: Morrissey puts his considerable weight behind the glitter revival



TELEVISION: *Later With Jools Holland* (BBC2, tonight, 11.15pm). The ineffably cool pianist and presenter leads off a new series of the music show without boundaries. Featuring the Sounds Of Blackness, P.J. Harvey, Vince Gill and Alice In Chains — but surely not all in the same studio.
The Beat (ITV, Mon-Tues, 12.30am). Gary Crowley's much undervalued show seems to go out later every week. Tonight features Verve, the Auteurs, Gary Clail and Bjorn Again.

NOW BOOKING: With last year's *Harvest Moon* proving his biggest success since *Harvest* in 1972, **Neil Young** announces dates at Slane Castle, near Dublin, July 10 and Finsbury Park, London, July 11. Tickets (£22.50) available from any of the Mean Fiddler Organisation venues (081-961 5490). Young also has an MTV *Unplugged* album scheduled for release around the same time.
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SEVEN DAYS

WHAT'S OUT & ABOUT NEXT WEEK

BOXED SETS: **Syd Barrett's** *Crazy Diamond* (Harvest 7 81412; three discs) is a complete collection of everything the wobbly founder member of Pink Floyd ever recorded as a solo performer, plus 24-page book.
Jethro Tull's 25th Anniversary 4CD Box Set (Chrysalis 326004; four discs), comes complete with 48-page colour booklet. None of the tracks on this formidable collection is available elsewhere in the same format. Newcomers looking for an introduction to the band's immense repertoire are advised to wait for *The Best Of Jethro Tull*, to be released later this month.

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5	**Ten Summoner's Tales**	Sting (A&M)
6	**The Bodyguard**	Various artists (Arista)
7	**The Album**	Cliff Richard (EMI)
8	**Rid of Me**	P.J. Harvey (Island)
9	**So Close**	Dina Carroll (A&M PM)
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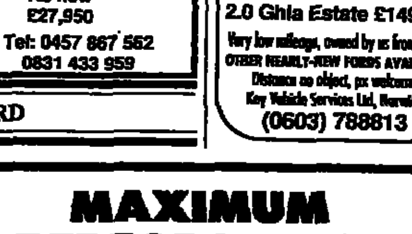
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A new threat to motorists has emerged as the cost of car crime loses insurance companies about £500 million a year, and the "knock-for-knock" system of reciprocal claims is placed in danger. Insurance premiums, which have risen between 15 per cent and 50 per cent in the past year, are now likely to rise still further.

This harsh financial reality, plus the news that as an insurance risk journalists come somewhere between football managers and Del Boy, was brought home this week when my insurance broker announced that comprehensive cover through my usual insurance company on a nine-year-old family Volvo had risen in price by 17 per cent to £421 a year.

The rise in premiums is due as much to the determination of insurers to make money from motoring insurance as to ever-rising car crime. New figures show that arson attacks on cars are up 60 per cent in a year, and have risen by 500 per cent since 1981. Many of the attacks are by car owners who set fire to their own vehicles in order to get an insurance payout because they cannot afford the costs of motoring.

One insurance company, Churchill, advised all motorists this month to shop around for cheaper premiums rather than automatically renew cover with their existing company. As soaring premiums force some drivers — such as young hot-hatch owners — off the road, drivers are also having to consider which cars they can afford to insure.

I took Churchill's advice. Two quick telephone calls showed how confusing the hunt for insurance can be. Enquiries with the Surrey-based Preferred Direct ground to a halt when I was told quite courteously that Preferred did not offer cover to journalists, football managers, market traders, financial advisers, debt collectors, or even chauffeurs. It could, however, insure my wife for £358 a year.

The AA, which provides free insurance quotes, was prepared to take the risk, and offered an annual premium of £463 through the Norwich Union.

John Wooden, a spokesman for the Association of British Insurers, explained why companies could offer such different quotes for identical cover. "There are between 100 and 120 companies offering car insurance, so it is very competitive — especially as motorists tend to buy their insurance solely on the basis of the cost of the premium. Therefore, it pays drivers to ring around to get the best quotation."

Companies such as Churchill and Direct Line — the so-called direct insurers who do most of their business by telephone from one location and who deal directly with motorists rather than paying commissions to brokers — have intensified the competition.

Mr Wooden said: "Such companies tend to deal with a certain kind of motorist. It is likely that if you are a 40-year-old motorist driving a family saloon, you will find them highly competitive. But that may not be the case if you are an 18-year-old driving a Porsche."

In the past two or three years, the insurance companies have also reassessed their way of working, Mr Wooden says. "Motor insurance has been a loss-making business since the mid-1970s."

Analysts believe that insurance companies are trying to recoup losses made in the 1980s, when unrealistically low premiums were offered to attract custom and raise market share.

Last summer, the number of insurance bands was increased from nine to 20, so that they more accurately reflected the risk of specific models. Drivers of high-performance cars were particularly hard-hit, as premiums, in some cases, doubled to compensate for the rise in car crime and accident rates.

The latest threat to premiums is the news that General Accident, the second largest motor insurer, with a million policy holders, is pulling out of the "knock-for-knock" system under which insurers pay their own policy holders in the event of an accident irrespective of blame.

GA believes it is losing under the scheme, which was first introduced to cut paper work and save litigation. The industry considers that the GA move, if followed by others, could lead to higher premiums for some drivers and more litigation.

There are ways, however, to cut your insurance costs. The postal code is the key element in your car insurance. If you live in an inner-city area you will pay more, although if you have secure overnight garaging you will pay less.

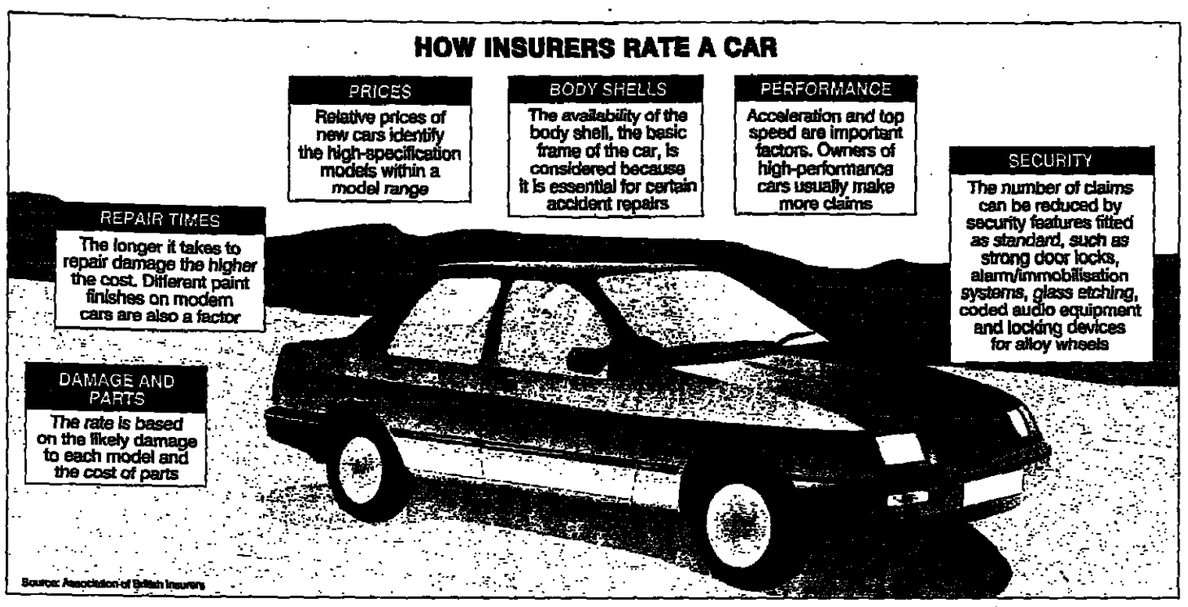
When evaluating a car's group rating, the Association of British Insurers takes into account the cost of repairing or replacing damaged parts, repair times, the car's purchase price, performance, and security.

It follows that the car insurers dislike is an expensive, high-performance hand-built import, finished in a unique shade of paint, which has no recognised deadlocks or alarm and is parked in the street in an inner-city area.

It may be too much to move house to reduce your premiums, but fitting a recognised car alarm and engine immobiliser will help, as will having your registration number etched into the window glass. The Thatcham motor repair research centre is now evaluating alarm and security systems for insurers to see which ones might best deter thieves and so reduce premiums.

Finding a specialist insurance company might also help. Porsche, for example, now provides its own cover, and numerous companies specialise in classic car cover or certain groups of motorists.

There can be good news at the end of the insurance hunt. A call to my broker and a change in insurers saw the initial quote of £421 fall to £274, and the warm feeling that though still out of pocket, I had somehow beaten the system.



ROADWISE

Going topless in an Escort

JUST IN time for summer, Ford has uprated Britain's best-selling convertible, the Escort Cabriolet, which last year accounted for almost one-fifth of all convertible sales. The car has been overhauled, giving it a new rear, and front body-coloured bumpers and mouldings, plus a new hood cover.

Standard equipment for the £15,275 Cabriolet includes central double-locking, electric windows and mirrors, anti-theft alarm and ignition immobiliser and heated rear screen.

Long lasting

LANCIA and Alfa Romeo have extended their six-year corrosion protection warranties to eight years. The new warranties apply to all vehicles sold on or after May 1. The new Lancia Thema and the Alfa Romeo 164 Super are included.

Cheaper Cavalier

VAUXHALL plans to consolidate sales of its diesel-engine cars, already up 160 per cent so far this year, with the introduction of four new low-priced Cavaliers. The cheapest Cavalier is now the 1.7D Envoy saloon, priced at £10,360. The 1.7D returns 61.4mpg at 56mph, according to government tests.

Woman's world

THE male-dominated world of motor cycling has been breached by the first woman to be elected president of the Motor Cycle Retailers' Association.

Linda Smout, who works at the family motor cycling franchise of Frettons, Leamington Spa, says the trade needs to update its image and win more women customers.

"The presence of women at dealerships can help to create a more agreeable atmosphere, especially for the female customer," she says. "The public needs reassuring that motor cycles are bright, clean, safe and economical."

Wait for it

POTENTIAL BMW buyers would be well advised to hold off purchasing for a few months and save themselves more than £1,000. BMW is to introduce a new entry level 316E in time for August at a cost of £14,295. That is £1,000 less than the existing cheapest car in the range.

Hot little number roars in from Citroën

ROAD TEST



Sporty style: the new Citroën ZX Volcane turbo diesel

The hot-hatch diesel has arrived from Citroën to prove once and for all that diesel-engined cars can offer performance motoring, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

The Volcane turbo diesel has mid-range acceleration to beat rivals like the VW Golf GTi and the Ford Escort XR3i. However, it takes longer to go from 0 to 60mph than the VW and the Ford, which are also both faster flat out.

The Volcane looks the sporting part, with alloy wheels, front and rear spoilers, body-coloured bumpers and a lower ride height.

The car has power-assisted steering, electric tilt/slide sunroof, electric front windows and sports suspension.

Space is reasonable for a small family car, if a bit tight in the rear seats. Front headroom is good, thanks to a driver's seat that can be raised and lowered. Front legroom, too, is adequate. Seats are supportive and the wide opening rear hatch gives easy access.

On the move, the car is a surprise. The puff of blue smoke on start-up reminds you this is a diesel, but its performance is unlike any other diesel. Hard acceleration is good, making for safe overtaking when speed becomes a critical factor.

The Volcane is for motorists seeking hot-hatch performance but not hot-hatch bills. As well as lower fuel costs, the insurance rating is only group 10.

● *Engine: four-cylinder, 1,905cc diesel with turbo injection, giving 92 bhp at 4,000rpm through five-speed manual gearbox; performance: maximum speed 115mph, 0 to 60mph in 10.3 seconds; fuel consumption: 65.7mpg at 56mph, 39mpg in town and 45.6mpg at 75mph; price: £12,995.*

House of Lords

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Court of Appeal

Staying order relates to trial

Regina v Manchester Crown Court and Ashton and Others, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Ackner, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches May 6]

An order of the crown court that the whole or part of an indictment should be stayed as an abuse of process was a decision "relating to trial on indictment" under section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and not amenable to judicial review.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the defendants, Mr Stephen Ashton and 22 others, from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Waterhouse) who on April 6, 1992, had allowed an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions for judicial review of a decision of Judge Owen at Manchester Crown Court on November 4, 1991, that proceedings on two counts of an indictment against the defendants should be stayed.

Section 29 of the 1981 Act provides: "(3) In relation to the jurisdiction of the crown court, other than its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment, the High Court shall have all such jurisdiction to make orders of mandamus, prohibition or certiorari as the High Court possesses in relation to the jurisdiction of an inferior court."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, Mr Campbell Tait and Mr Peter Kelson for the defendants; Mr Stephen Richards, Mr John Jackson and Mr Nicolas Braslavsky for the DPP; the crown court was not represented.

LORD SLYNN said that the appeal arose out of alleged violence by football supporters during two football seasons at a variety of locations.

Mr Ashton and others had been charged, inter alia, that on divers days between September 1 and November 30, 1990 they had been guilty of conspiracy to commit riot (count 1 of the indictment) and conspiracy to commit violent disorder (count 2), each contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

Certain of the accused had also been charged with violent disorder on September 23, 1989, contrary to section 2(1) of the Public Order Act 1986 (count 3), and riot on February 3 and 24, 1990, contrary to section 1 of the 1986 Act (counts 4 and 5).

The defendants had been charged before the magistrates on November 23, 1990. Papers leading to committal had been served on February 7, 1991 and on April 26, 1991 all but three of the defendants had been committed for trial.

Two others had been included in the indictment by leave of Mr Justice Roch on June 24, 1991 and the remaining defendant had been committed for trial on October 16, 1991.

After hearing submissions for several days, Judge Owen had ordered that proceedings on counts 1 and 2 of the indictment be stayed as an abuse of the process of the court against 23 of the accused, those counts having been ordered to lie on the file against the two remaining defendants who had pleaded guilty to count 3.

The judge had concluded: "I am satisfied, in relation to counts 1 and 2, that the overall delay, and in particular that from the inception of the conspiracy alleged to committal proceedings, and the delay between the alleged initial involvement of each defendant and the date of his being interviewed and charged, is substantial . . .

"I am persuaded, on a balance of probabilities, that the delay which I find has occurred does give rise to prejudice. I find it impossible to say, in relation to this piecemeal participation over such a period, and with involvement so long ago, that in relation to the continuing offence of conspiracy, there can now be a fair trial on that issue."

He had reached the contrary conclusion in relation to the substantive offences alleged.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court had considered that they had jurisdiction to review the judge's decision and that, since such decision had been shown to be "clearly and demonstrably wrong" or "Wednesbury unreasonable" (Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation ([1948] 1 KB 223)), it should be set aside.

It was agreed that the issue on the appeal was the correct meaning of the words "relating to trial on indictment" in section 29(3) of the 1981 Act and whether an order by the crown court that a trial on indictment should be stayed as an abuse of process was a decision "relating to trial on indictment" and therefore not amenable to judicial review.

The phrase "other than its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment" had already been the subject of consideration by the House of Lords.

In *In re Smalley* ([1985] AC 622, 642-643), Lord Bridge of Harwich had considered in depth the earlier cases on the subsection and had said: "the words 'trial on indictment' must include the 'trial' of a defendant who pleads guilty on arraignment.

"Beyond this is it not difficult to discern a sensible legislative purpose in excluding appeal or judicial review of any decision affecting the conduct of a trial on indictment, whether given in the course of a trial or by way of pre-trial directions."

He had added (at pp643-644): "It must not be thought that in using the phrase 'any decision affecting the conduct of a trial on indictment' I am offering a definition of a phrase which Parliament has chosen not to define . . . But it is obviously desirable that your Lordships' House should give as clear guidance as the statutory language permits, and I hope the criterion I have suggested may provide a helpful pointer to the right answer in most cases."

In *In re Sampson* ([1987] 1 WLR 194, 196) Lord Bridge had stressed, again, that the guidance or "helpful pointer" that he had indicated in *Smalley* was not a statutory definition and said:

"It is in any event clear, I apprehend, that certain orders made at the conclusion of a trial on indictment are excluded from judicial review as 'relating to trial on indictment' not because they affect the conduct of the trial, but rather because they are themselves an integral part of the trial process."

Those two decisions had been considered by the Divisional Court in a number of subsequent cases, but in his Lordship's view it was not necessary to reconsider or depart from the guidance given by Lord Bridge.

In neither case had he drawn a distinction between an order as to how and when a trial was to be held and an order that decided whether there should or should not be a trial.

In his Lordship's opinion an order made on an application to stay proceedings for abuse of process was clearly "an order affecting the conduct of the trial" whether the order was that the proceedings should or should not be stayed.

For that reason it was an order in a matter "relating to trial on indictment" within the meaning of section 29(3). It did not make any difference for that purpose whether the order was made, as here, on the day when the trial was due to start, or at the beginning of the trial, or at an earlier date on a special hearing.

In the present case, where the order had been made at the very beginning of the trial, or even if strictly just before the trial had been due to begin, it was no less an order made as "an integral part of the trial process" and therefore within the exclusion in section 29(3).

The decision in *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Raymond* ([1986] 1 WLR 710) that an order that counts of an indictment should lie on the file, not to be proceeded with except with the leave of the court, had been an order "affecting the conduct of the trial" and an order in a matter "relating to a trial on indictment" had been correct.

In *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Randle* ([1991] 1 WLR 1087) and *R v Norwich Crown Court, Ex parte Belsham* ([1992] 1 WLR 54) a distinction had been drawn between such an order and a stay on the ground of abuse of process.

As it had been put in *Randle* (at p1103): "a stay on grounds of abuse of process contemplates that there never will be a trial whereas an order that the indictment lie on the file . . . contemplates that there may be."

That distinction was artificial. Both types of order were matters relating to a trial on indictment; both affected the conduct of the trial.

It would be very curious if the order for a stay as an abuse of process made in respect of 23 of the defendants should be treated differently from the order that the counts concerned should lie on the file against the two remaining defendants who had pleaded guilty to count 3.

In his Lordship's view they were to be treated alike. *Randle* and *Belsham* had been wrongly decided.

The appeal should be allowed and the question certified answered on the basis that "a decision of a crown court judge that the whole or part of an indictment should be stayed as an abuse of process cannot be the subject of judicial review".

Lord Keith, Lord Bridge, Lord Ackner and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Walter Wolfson & Co, Manchester; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Summons sent on abroad is valid

Rolph v Zolan

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment April 30]

A summons posted to a defendant's last known address in England and posted on by a friend to the defendant who had moved to Spain was properly served under the County Court Rules 1981.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing the appeal of the defendant, Simon Zolan, and allowing the cross-appeal of the plaintiff, Michael David Rolph, against the decision of Judge Aron Owen on September 17, 1992 when he dismissed the plaintiff's appeal from the decision of Mr Deputy District Judge Southcombe on June 22, 1992 and held that the summons had not been properly served and extended the time for service.

Mr Andrew Miller for the defendant; Mr Mark Dencer for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the plaintiff issued proceedings against the defendant with the issue of a county court summons on July 25, 1991 shortly before the expiration of the limitation period. The summons was then purportedly served by the county court at the defendant's address.

However, the defendant had emigrated to Spain in 1986 although he had retained ownership of his house in England. In September 1991 a friend of the defendant collected his mail, including the summons, and posted it on to the defendant in Spain.

The defendant did nothing and his Lordship did not doubt that that inaction was deliberate. On the assumption that the summons had been served, the plaintiff obtained a default judgment and subsequently obtained a charging order on the defendant's house in England in respect of the judgment debt.

On the defendant's application, Mr Deputy District Judge Southcombe set the judgment aside on the ground that the summons had not been served on the defendant.

The plaintiff appealed to Judge Aron Owen who upheld the view that the summons had not been properly served and extended the time for service until November 25, 1992, purportedly under Order 7, rule 20(3) of the County Court Rules 1981 and gave the defendant leave to defend the action on the payment of a specified sum into court.

The defendant appealed. It was conceded by the plaintiff that, if the summons had not been served, and the judge was granting the indulgence of an extension of time to effect service, he had no power to order the defendant to pay money into court.

The plaintiff cross-appealed, contending that no extension was needed because the summons was validly served during the four-month period of its initial validity.

In his Lordship's judgment, under rule 20 a first application for the renewal of a summons which had not been served could not be made more than eight months after the date of the issue of the summons.

Under paragraph (3) there was a limited power to grant an extension for a period not exceeding 12 months. However, that could not be granted on an application launched more than four months after the day next following that on which the period of service would otherwise have expired.

On any view, therefore, the judge had no power to grant the extension of the period of service under rule 20(3).

The provisions for postal service in the county court were in Order 7, rule 1 of the 1981 Rules. Postal service of originating process in the High Court were authorised by Order 10, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in which it was expressly provided that postal service could only be effected on a defendant within the jurisdiction. That required the physical presence of the defendant at the time of service: see *Barclays Bank of Swaziland v Hahn* ([1989] 1 WLR 506).

The crucial question therefore was whether a similar limitation had to be read into Order 7, rules 1 and 10 to limit postal service to service on defendants who at the time of actual or deemed service were physically within the jurisdiction.

The present wording of Order 7, rules 1 and 10(1) had appeared in the *County Court Practice* since 1984. Before that, in 1982 and 1983 there was a differently worded provision in Order 7, rules 1 and 10(2) for postal service by an officer of the court where a certificate for postal service had been given.

His Lordship found it impossible by any process of construction to limit the scope of the present Order 7, rules 1 and 10 to service only on a defendant "within the jurisdiction", by analogy with Order 10, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

It was suggested none the less that the court could and should limit the scope of Order 7, rules 1 and 10 by reference to Order 10, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court because of section 76 of the County Courts Act 1984.

However, in his Lordship's judgment that section was directed to extending the powers of the county court where the County Court Rules 1981 made no express provision and not to curtailing express provisions in the County Court Rules.

Accordingly, his Lordship found that the summons had been properly served and the default judgment was regular. The plaintiff's cross-appeal would therefore be allowed.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Carpenter & Co, Wallington; Hyde Mahon Bridges for Gareth Woodfine & Partners, Bedford.

Jury direction to be given loyally

Regina v Chambers

When directing the jury on corroboration in cases of alleged sexual offences, it was important that the direction was given loyally and in as straightforward a manner as the case permitted.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Henry and Mr Justice Pill) so stated on May 6 in allowing an appeal by Deheirmo Ivanhoe Chambers against his conviction in August 1992 at Nottingham Crown Court (Judge Matthewman and a jury) of indecent assault.

MR JUSTICE PILL said that although conventional forms of direction were words of guidance only it was sensible to give the two parts of the direction on corroboration in the conventional order, by directing first as to the dangers to be guarded against and then dealing in detail with what amounted to corroboration.

It was inappropriate for a judge to express his personal doubts as to whether such a direction was historically right, thereby denigrating and undermining a direction which was required in law to be given.

Reading on bench inappropriate

Regina v Marylebone Magistrates Court, Ex parte Joseph

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Waller

[Judgment March 3]

It was not appropriate for a magistrate hearing a criminal case to read a newspaper law report, without halting proceedings, while the defendant was giving evidence in chief.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application for judicial review by Andrew Joseph against a decision of Sir Bryan Roberts, Marylebone Stipendiary Magistrate, convicting him of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Mr G. E. Heimler for the applicant; Mr N. S. Garnham for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that when evidence was being given, particularly by a defendant in chief, it was not likely to be appropriate for a magistrate to study a law report without first halting the proceedings.

And it seemed inappropriate that he should do so for so substantial a period of time that the advocate examining the witness stopped questioning him and the magistrate continued for a further half minute reading the report apparently under the erroneous impression that the advocate was waiting for the clerk to catch up with his note.

If, in addition, the silence was then broken by the clerk telling the magistrate that the advocate feared that evidence might have been missed and an exchange then followed between the magistrate and the advocate as to whether relevant evidence might have been missed, the inescapable conclusion seemed to be that the reasonable and fair minded person, knowing all the relevant facts, would rightly entertain a reasonable suspicion that the magistrate's attention had been divided and incomplete.

That would be so whether or not the magistrate himself believed that he had been properly attending to the evidence.

Mr Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hudson Freeman Berg; Treasury Solicitor.

Advertising beyond licensed area

Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council v Khan (Trading as Top Cabs)

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment May 4]

A *mini-cab* operator whose offices were based outside a controlled district, within which an operator's licence was required under section 55 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, did not "operate" within the controlled area merely by advertising his firm in a directory which circulated within the controlled area.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead against a decision of Maidenhead Justices acquitting Mahboob Khan of operating a private hire vehicle within a controlled area without a licence contrary to section 46(1)(d) of the 1976 Act.

Section 80 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) . . . 'operate' means in the course of business to make provision for the invitation or acceptance of bookings for a private hire vehicle: . . ."

Mr Peter Harrison, who did not appear below, for the council; Miss Veronica Hammerton for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that the respondent's offices were in Slough which was outside the relevant controlled district. He had placed advertisements in the local *Yellow Pages* and *Thomson Directory* which circulated within both Slough and Maidenhead. Maidenhead was within a controlled district for which he did not hold an operator's licence.

The respondent made provision for the acceptance of bookings in his office which was in Slough and not within the controlled district.

Section 80(1) did not relate to the places an invitation might reach but to the places where provision was made to deal with it.

The advertisements informed the public that he had made such provision in Slough. He had made no such provision within other areas in which the directories circulated.

Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Mr D. C. Lunn, Maidenhead; Kidd Rapinet, Slough.

Defending champion third after first day of dressage at Badminton

Dream start as Duroy takes an early lead

By Jenny MacArthur

MARIE-Christine Duroy of France, who is fulfilling an aim by merely competing at Badminton, went into the lead on her 11-year-old, Quart du Placineau, at the end of an idyllic first day of dressage for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy in the grounds of Badminton House yesterday.

Andrew Harris, from Lymington in Hampshire, is second after producing his best test to date on the consistent Ballycotton. Mary Thomson, the defending champion, managed to contain an exuberant King William to take third place.

The delightful Madame Duroy, who was twelfth at the Barcelona Olympics, has dreamt of riding at Badminton for years, but it was not French policy to allow their riders to risk themselves at Badminton before a championship.

Now that Thierry Touzain has succeeded Jeani-Paul Bardinet as the French team trainer, the philosophy has changed. "It is a big moment for us" Duroy said. She is not unduly alarmed at the prospect of tomorrow's cross-country. "It is big, but I knew what to expect. Every year for the last 12 years I have watched a video of Badminton in the hope that I could compete there."

With Harris and Thomson snapping at her heels, she cannot afford to make a mistake. Harris was longlisted for the 1991 European championships and the Barcelona Olympics. His horse, Ballycotton, is a reliable cross-country performer who has competed at Badminton three times, finishing eleventh last year.

Thomson intends to take all the quick routes on the cross-country tomorrow which she describes as a slightly kinder course than last year. King William looked fit to burst yesterday, the canvas flapping in the wind on top of the stands doing little to help his mood.

The powerful New Zealand contingent had a mixed day. Blyth Tait, the world champion, who had the disadvantage of going first, had a tense ride on Delta and is lying 22nd. But excellent tests from Victoria Latta, on Chief, and Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion, on Kinvarra, have put them in third and sixth places.

They are separated by Lynne Bevan, of Britain, a former top young rider who produced a fluent, rhythmic test on Horton Point.

Latta, who was disappointed with her test, despite her good mark, has an added reason for doing well this week. She has run out of money and will return to New Zealand this year unless she wins enough to continue. The £12,000 she won last year for finishing third at Badminton has kept her going for the last 12 months.

Although her 14-year-old, Chief, is one of the most experienced horses in the competition, Latta is apprehensive about tomorrow's cross-country. Todd, her compatriot, has a more laid-back attitude. The 37-year-old New Zealander, who rides his second horse, Just an Ace today, has his best chance yet of winning his second Badminton.

Other good tests yesterday came from Claire Bowley on Fair Share and Karen Dixon on Stepney Bartholomew, who are seventh and eighth.

RESULTS: Dressage: 1, Quart du Placineau (M-D Duroy, Fr), 44.2; 2, Ballycotton (A Harris, GB), 45.2; 3, King William (M Thomson, GB), 46.0; 4, Chief (V Latta, NZ) 46.8; 5, Horton Point (L Bevan, GB), 48.6; 6, Kinvarra (M Todd, NZ), 51.6.

JULIAN HERBERT



Trailing Swede: Anna Hermann, who came seventeenth on Elektra Spiritus

Sport of kings causes puzzlement in gallery

As is customary during the first few rounds of the British Singles Tennis Championships, the sun shone and the crowd was a little less dense than it will be when the competition unfurls.

On Saturday and Sunday, you will be hard pressed to get a ticket; yesterday morning when Chris Ronaldson, the holder and No 6 in the world rankings, took the court against A. Phillips, there were only four of us in the spectator seats.

I write of real tennis: not counterfeit, artificial or imitation tennis; nor yet of that version of the game performed on grass or hard courts. This is tennis as played by kings of Europe for nine centuries and still practised at over 20 locations in Britain. Hampton Court and Lord's cricket ground are the best known. The BNB Professional Singles title is fought out at Holyport.

There are no signposts: I was told to come off the M4 at exit 8/9, make for Maidenhead Central, take a sharp right at the first roundabout and "when you see a pub called The George, turn left and ask anyone".

I asked a man who was gardening. He said: "I am a stranger here." I wish we could get strangers to do our gardening in Walberswick. At length I found the place: across the road and down a bit from The Belgian Arms, a pub clearly unsuitable for Euro-sceptics, there is a gate marked RCBRTC. It was the RT that persuaded me and I followed a drive through verdant greenery and patches of bluebells to what looked like a Victorian aircraft hangar with a car park in front.

A notice proclaimed Royal County of Berkshire Real Tennis Club.

If I thought that you would have a better time witnessing this sport in ignorance of the rules, I would not unleash explanations, for real tennis is a great joy to watch. However, once you have admired players' ability to use a tightly-strung, hand-sized racket to slam a hard tennis ball over a drooping net around a court that is stone walled, stone floored and has galleries called "penthouses", an area called "dedans" and a buttress called "tambour" . . . you will want to know who is winning, how to score, when it will end.

Well then. They score 15, 30, 40, deuce and game: a set goes to the first player to reach six games, and 6-5 counts. Three sets will win the match.

Service is from only one end of the court and if the ball strikes the dedans, the grille or the winning gallery, the point is won. If the ball enters any other gallery a chase is set. Players change ends when there are two chases or if there is a chase outstanding when game point is reached.

The umpire is called the "marker" and ever and anon he rings a bell like a high church priest at mass; he calls out the score and the chases, also the hazards, which are quite complicated and "half a yard", which I don't understand, but appears to be less desirable than winning though better than losing. I think that about wraps it up; you can enjoy the game without being an expert on the minutiae.

They play in white: shoes, socks, shorts and shirts . . . and not an endorsement or advertisement to break the monotony. A company called BNB sponsors the event . . . "headhunters who found McGregor for British Steel", said the woman who brought me my tea. I would have thought that here was a terrific opportunity for Real Madrid, Real Estate or Coca-Cola — the real thing — to buy a bit of historic charisma that might rub off. At the Holyport Club, annual sub £275, there is a bar and I am given tea: I buy a packet of Walkers potato crisps, could have bought a Kit Kat; at luncheon the bar promises chicken curry.

Apart from the tennis court there is a snooker room: those waiting to play tennis and reluctant to sit among the spectators partake in a game which has the additional hazard of a Mars Bar placed diagonally on the baize midway between the blue spot and the cushion. Perhaps this is real snooker?

I chat with a man who plays tennis at Petworth, annual sub £60. He is 75, says this is a game ideally suited to those of his age: he plays doubles with three men who are substantially older than him: "Undercut and cunning enables us to keep performing." How would you fare against classy players? He says he wouldn't win a single point.

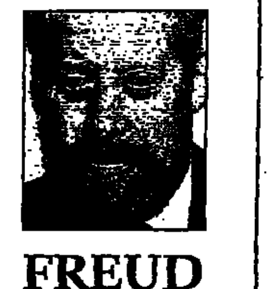
At 11am the second game starts — which is a total fluke: the first game could have gone on for five hours rather than the 85 minutes it took.

J. Howell, head tennis pro at the Oratory School, plays A. Oliver, Oxford University pro, outplays would be the right description. Howell, known as "Jonners", attacks and is stronger, faster, fitter, agile with it.

Mr Oliver looks permanently worried, talks to himself admonishingly — "too slow" he tells himself; "oh dear" and "hopeless" are also in his repertoire. He loses three-nil, but manages several stunning shots which makes it worthwhile.

Considering how hard it is to find the place, the gallery fills up a bit, approaches the magic double-figure mark. People have come to stand and stare . . . and ask questions: "How does it work? Why do they do that? What was good about that shot?"

The professional's wife who won the Ladies' Open in whenever-it-was explains about the "one-yard-worse-than-last" gallery. "Do you understand?" she asks hopefully. "I think so" is the standard reply.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 3, Minnesota Twins 0; Kansas City Royals 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Chicago White Sox 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Cleveland Indians 3, Seattle Mariners 2; California Angels 6, New York Yankees 2; Boston Red Sox 3, Oakland Athletics 1; Texas Rangers 7, Toronto Blue Jays 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, Colorado Rockies 2; San Francisco Giants 11, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Atlanta Braves 1; Montreal Expos 6, San Diego Padres 5; Cincinnati Reds 6, Florida Marlins 2; Houston Astros 6, St Louis Cardinals 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, New York Mets 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA), First round play-offs: Eastern Conference: Cleveland Cavaliers 93, New Jersey Nets 84 (Cleveland lead best-of-five series 2-1); Charlotte Hornets 104, Boston Celtics 103 (Charlotte win best-of-five series 3-1). Western Conference: San Antonio Spurs 107, Portland Trail Blazers 101 (San Antonio lead best-of-five series 2-1); Los Angeles Lakers 93, Houston Rockets 90 (Best-of-five series tied 2-2).

BOXING

BELFAST: (Ulster Hall): World Boxing Association welterweight championship: Cristanto Espana (holder, Ven) bt Rodolpho Aguilar (Pan), pts. Welterweight (10 rnds): Del Bryan (Nottingham) bt Oscar Checa (Pan), ko 2nd. Featherweight (8 rnds): Francesco Arroyo (Pan) bt Eddie Lloyd (Wales), rtd 4th. Light-heavyweight (6 rnds): Ray Kane (Dublin) bt Johnny Uphill (Brighton), ko 2nd. Middleweight (6 rnds): Terry Magee (Belfast) bt Graham Jenner (Brighton), pts. Super-bantamweight (6 rnds): Conn McMullen (Carnlough) drew with Miguel Matthews (Swansea).
BIRMINGHAM: ABA championship finals: Light-flyweight: M Hughes (Gwent) bt M Crossan (Dennistoun), rsc 1st; Fly: P Ingle (Scarborough) bt P Shepherd (Sparta), rsc 2nd; Bantam: R Evatt (Triumph) bt G Nicette (Torbay), pts; Feather: J Cook (Maesteg) bt M McCrae (Fitzroy Lodge), ko 1st; Light: B Welsh (Leith Victoria) bt V Powell (Army), rsc 3rd; Light-welter: P Richardson (Phil Thomas BS) bt R Wileman (Royal Navy), rsc 1st; Welter: C Bessey (Army) bt S Roberts (West Ham), pts; Light-middle: D Starie (Hurstlea Kerridge) bt C Winter (Denbigh), ko 2nd; Middle: J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt D Dorrington (National Smelting), pts; Light-heavyweight: K Oliver (Bracebridge) bt A Todd (Darlington), pts. Heavy: P Lawson (Repton) bt S Burford (Army), pts. Super-heavy: M McKenzie (Birmingham) bt R Allen (Preston), pts.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS: Bedford 219-8 dec, *The Leys 148-8; *King's Bruton 191-7 dec, Taunton's 154; *Old Latymerians 156, Latymer Upper 158-5; Old Hurst Johnians 233-5 dec, *Hurstpierpoint 236-5; *St Bees 113, Giggleswick 114-6; *Chigwell 176, Bancroft's 104-2; *Stamford 169-8 dec, Wellingborough 131-7; Wallington HS 93, *Trinity, Croydon, 96-3; MCC 209-4 dec, *Durham 210-3; KCS Wimbledon 187-3 dec, *Tiffin 189-2 (N Evans 98 no); Reigate GS 172 (Gurney 6-55), *Lancing Coll 173-2 *Newcastle-under-Lyme 129-3 dec, Stoke-on-Trent SFC 92-8; MCC 303-4 dec (C Rogers 174), *Colchester RGS 269 (A Kennedy 135, G Blackmore 5-96); *Eltham Coll 205-4, Thomas Taliss 89; *Blundell's 227-6 dec (R Clifford-Jones 115), Royal Mannes 176; *Haberdashers Aske's 206-9 dec, XL Club 140-8 (Bernard 5-53); *Christ's Coll, Brecon, 168-6 dec, St David's UC Lampeter 115-5; *St Benedict's 81, Latymer Upper 84-3; Richard Huish Coll 183, *Exeter 151-7.
KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE: Chatham GS 139 (G Saunders 7-41), *Judd 103-7; *Eltham Coll 134, Bancroft's 88; Birkenhead 195-6 dec (J Boumphrey 100 no), *Bury GS 105-6.
* Denotes home team

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Tenth stage (Valencia to La Senia, 206.8km): 1, J-C Gonzalez (Sp), 5hr 59min 08sec; 2, Z Spruch (Pol), 3, A Gutierrez (Sp). Overall: 1, A Zulle (Switz), 45hr 17min 07sec; 2, A Rominger (Switz) at 1:05; 3, L Cubino (Sp), 2:02. British: 35, R Millar, 7:54

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Sao Paulo (Brazil) 1, Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) 0; Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1, America/Cali (Colombia) 0.

Late results on Wednesday

UEFA CUP: Final, first leg: Borussia Dortmund 1, Juventus 3.
FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Manchester City 0, Crystal Palace 0; Oldham Athletic 3, Liverpool 2; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Blackburn Rovers 2.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Derby County 2, Notts County 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Heart of Midlothian 1, Aberdeen 2.
WORLD CUP: Qualifying stage: Asian zone: Group E: Malaysia 9, Macao 0 (in Kuala Lumpur). Group F: Japan 6, Sri Lanka 0 (in Dubai); Thailand 4, Bangladesh 1 (in Dubai).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Full Members Cup final: Dorking 0, Tooting and Mitcham 1.
FRENCH CUP: Third round: Caen 1, Marseilles 2; Toulouse 2, Lens 0; Bordeaux 2, Mulhouse 0; Saint-Etienne 2, Pau 0 (aet); Montpellier 1, Chatellerault 0; Nantes 1, Ajaccio 0; Laval 1, Rennes 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 3, West Ham 0; Charlton 3, Portsmouth 1; Oxford 0, Ipswich 4.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 1, Newmarket 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 2, Nottingham Forest 5; Sunderland 0, Leicester 1. Second division: Everton 2, West Bromwich 0; Grimsby 1, Middlesbrough 2; Hull 0, Scunthorpe 3; Port Vale 2, Mansfield 1; Wigan 1, Bradford City 0.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African zone: Group three: Zone B: Ukraine bt Djibouti, 3-0; Malta bt Benin, 3-0; Estonia bt Togo, 3-0.
BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Men: First round: J Simbozel (Fr) bt D Sapsford (Surrey), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; T Kempers (Holl) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Scaliola (It) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-3, 7-5; R Matheson (Scot) bt P Kilderry (Aus), 7-6, 7-6. Second round: M Tebbutt (Aus) bt P Hand (Berks), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; B Larkham (Aus) bt C Ferreira (SA), 6-4, 6-4; L Matthews (Hants) bt M Calvelli (It), 6-3, 6-3; J Delgado (Berks) bt T Henman (Oxon), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; A Beust (Fr) bt T Kempers (Holl), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; N Gould (Avon) bt S Scaliola (It), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; R Matheson (Sco) bt M Roberts (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6. Women: Second round: A Grunfeld (Lancs) bt M Hughes (N Wal), 6-1, 6-2; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt J Salmon (Sussex), 7-6, 6-0; K Nugent (Ire) bt V Lake (Devon), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; M Vallin (Swe) bt R Surova (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; C Reuter (Ger) bt R Mawdsley (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; S Parhomenko (Russ) bt N Jarlen (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; A Woolcock (Aus) bt S Pfifferl (It), 5-7, 6-4, 7-5; S Siddall (Dorset) bt C Taylor (Oxford), 6-1, 6-1.
HAMBURG: Men's ATP tournament: Second round: I Lendl (US) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-2, 0-6, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 7-5. Third round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt M Gollner (Ger), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt S Edberg (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; B Karbacher (Ger) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-3, 6-4.
ROME: Italian Open women's championship: Second round: M Navratilova (US) bt D Graham (US), 6-0, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-0, 7-6.
TAMPA BAY, Florida, Men's tournament, Second round: J Tarango (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-7, 6-4, 1-1 rtd; T Martin (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-2, 7-5; J Yzaga (Peru) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-2, 6-1; P McEnroe (US) bt K Braasch (Ger), 6-0, 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL), Stanley Cup play-offs, Norris Division finals: St Louis 2, Toronto 1 (2-OT) (Best-of-seven series, tied 1-1). Smythe Division finals: Los Angeles 6, Vancouver 3 (Best-of-seven series, tied 1-1).

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL ROUND THE WORLD CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 1400 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,589 miles; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,604; 3, British Steel II (R Tudor), 2,629; 4, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 2,629; 5, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 2,651; 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 2,658; 7, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,671; 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 2,687; 9, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,820; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,829.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Luton (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Premiership
Semi-final
Wigan v Castleford (7.30) ....

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
Final day of three
11.0, 110 overs minimum
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Australians.

Britannic Assurance County Championship
Second day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Yorkshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Durham.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

Other matches
Final day of three
11.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Glamorgan.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Warwickshire. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Surrey. Oakham: Leicestershire v Kent. Harrow: Middlesex v Sussex. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire. Leeds: Yorkshire v Essex.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton horse trials.
GOLF: Benson and Hedges International (St Mellion).
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Bracknell).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

ZAIKAI
(b) In Japan, financial circles, the business world or power élite who control it, from the Japanese *zai* wealth + *kai* community: "The men who make up this élite in Japan spend an extraordinary amount of time in so-called zaikai activities that are not directly related to their own companies, but which seek to represent the interests of the business community as a whole."

DOSSAL
(a) An ornamental cloth forming a cover for the back of a seat, = *dosser*, architectural. Ecclesiastical, an ornamental cloth, usually embroidered, hung at the back of the altar or at the sides of the chancel, from the medieval Latin *dorsale* a hanging behind a seat. Lytton, *Harold*: "The Earl's old hawk perched on the dossal of the Earl's chair."

EVENHEAD
(c) Equality, position of equality, equal dignity or rank, impartiality, fairness, equity, from the OE *efan* even + *hdd* rank: "Equyte ne evenhead in shyftynge and in demynge myght not entre."

BUMBLEPUPPY
(c) Somebody who plays unscientific or haphazard whist or bridge, from the image of a clumsy and thoughtless puppy. Somerset Maugham, *Creatures of Circumstance*: "Templeton isn't the sort of chap to play bumble-puppy bridge with a girl like that unless he's getting something out of it."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
With the aid of a queen sacrifice, white completely entombed the black king — 1 Qh7+! Nxh7 2 Ng6 mate.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
5.45 Ellerton Hill. 6.15 Little Conker. 6.50 In Truth. 7.20 Reviller's Glory. 7.50 Maudlins Cross. 8.20 Astings.
Brian Beel: 5.45 Ellerton Hill.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT) SIS

5.45 BROCKLESBY NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,622: 3m 1f) (7 runners)
1 /112 ELLERTON HILL 20 (F,G) Mrs Jean Brown 10-12-7 ... S Swiers
2 -213 CHERGO 37 (D,F) Miss C Saunders 8-12-4 ... R Russell (5)
3 6P/4 ACROSS THE LAKE 9 (S) Mrs A Farrell 9-12-0 ... Miss S Brotherton (7)
4 P0-5 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 13 Mrs S Lamyman 10-12-0 ... N F Smith (7)
5 3-3 MIDNIGHT ZEBEE 24 (B) R Green 12-12-0 ... K Green (7)
6 P00/ OXFORD PLACE 787 (B,G,S) C Lawson 9-12-0 ... Mrs F Needham (7)
7 0 THE WALTZING MOUSE 58 Miss E Powell 10-12-0. D Esden (7)
Evens Ellerton Hill, 2-1 Chergo, 5-1 Across The Lake, 14-1 Oxford Place, 20-1 others.

6.15 MAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,672: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)
1 P332 RAAWI 7 (F) J Glover 5-11-10 ... R Garritty
2 33FP CRAZY HORSE DANCER 17 (G) F Jordan 5-11-4 ... J Lodder
3 4250 IN THE SPOTLIGHT 22 (B,G) R Curtis 5-11-0 ... D Morris
4 0360 BAHRAIN QUEEN 46 (C,D,F,G) C Smith 5-11-0 ... M Ranger
5 F505 LITTLE CONKER 25 A Smith 5-10-7 ... C Grant
6 050P PAMVAC 7 (V) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-6 ... P Niven
7 6040 THANKSFORTHEOFFER 10 (B) I Jones 5-10-4 ... P McDermott
8 3302 MING BLUE 4 J Bradley 4-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)
9-4 Raawi, 7-2 Little Conker, 4-1 Crazy Horse Dancer, 11-2 Pamvac, 6-1 Bahrain Queen, 8-1 In The Spotlight, 12-1 others.

6.50 GRAHAME LILES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,078: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)
1 0UP2 FOX CHAPEL 7 (C,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 ... D Byrne
2 604/ MR FENWICK 1286 (F,G,S) J Eyre 9-11-3 ... A Mulholland
3 0034 MARLINGFORD 16 (G,S) Mrs J Jordan 6-11-3 ... D Morris
4 2013 IN TRUTH 25 (G) J Leigh 5-11-3 ... P Niven
5 2-04 MOMSER 4 (D,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-10-13 ... J Ryan
6 3025 SCARLET EXPRESS 25 (G,S) B Richmond 6-10-6 ... A Webb
7 0260 ISOBAR 280 (C,F) M Chapman 7-10-0 ... W Worthington
8 4440 KRONPRINZ 20 (C,G) M Chapman 5-10-0 ... A Orkney
9 0F04 STROKED AGAIN 46 (CD,F) B Richmond 8-10-0 ... L Wyer
10 0360 ASARGAR 13 (F) J Sadin 7-10-0 ... R Beggan
11 /5-4 ITS ALL OVER NOW 86 (F) Mrs A King 9-10-0 ... S McNeill
5-2 Fox Chapel, 7-2 In Truth, 4-1 Momser, 11-2 Marlingford, 7-1 Scarlet Express, 8-1 Kronprinz, 12-1 others.

7.20 EAST COAST SLAG PRODUCTS NOVICES CHASE (£2,657: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)
1 4305 HAWWAR 4 Mrs A King 6-11-0 ... A Webb
2 UF08 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 6 (G) M Naughton 8-11-0 ... A Orkney
3 3623 REVILLER'S GLORY 13 P Beaumont 9-11-0 ... C Hawkins
4 2U4P TUFFNUT GEORGE 34 (V) J Pickering 6-11-0 ... S McNeill
5 0504 WHISKEY BLUES 10 (G) B Richmond 8-11-0 ... D Byrne
6 2642 SPOONHILL WOOD 13 J Wharton 7-10-9 ... B Dalton (7)
7-4 Spoonhill Wood, 11-4 Reviller's Glory, 3-1 Tuffnut George, 5-1 Hawwar, 8-1 Whisky Blues, 10-1 Precious Memories.

7.50 THEODORE WEST MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,938: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)
1 1F11 MAUDLINS CROSS 32 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 ... P Niven
2 3FU4 MASTER SALESMAN 56 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 10-10-9 L O'Hara
3 0311 BOARDING SCHOOL 21 (F,G,S) C Parker 6-10-9 ... C Grant
4 R241 ALAN BALL 14 (B,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-6 ... H Davies
5 1350 CLARES OWN 14 (CD,F,S) J Wade 9-10-5 ... K Jones
6 5/F4 COMETTI STAR 13 (F) J Wharton 9-10-5 ... B Dalton (7)
7 060P RIVA'S TOUCH 199 (CD,F,G) Mrs A King 10-10-0 ... S McNeill
2-1 Maudlins Cross, 11-4 Boarding School, 3-1 Alan Ball, 9-2 Master Salesman, 7-1 Cometti Star, 10-1 others.

8.20 MRI SCANNER APPEAL MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,540: 2m 1f 110yd) (20)
1 000 ALEX THUSCOMBE 25 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-5 ... D Tegg
2 3032 ASTINGS 16 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 ... W Dwan (5)
3 55- BEDOUIN PRINCE 42F B Richmond 6-11-5 ... D Byrne
4 P5P- COZZI 487 J Bradley 5-11-5 ... R Farrant (5)
5 0 INFERRING 13 J Wainwright 5-11-5 ... P Midgley (5)
6 0-00 MAJESTIC GOLD 30 F Jordan 5-11-5 ... J Lodder
7 00 MISTER CHIPPENDALE 16 C Smith 6-11-5 ... M Ranger
8 0032 MR FUDGE 25 D Brennan 6-11-5 ... M Brennan
9 050 NOT YET 13F E Weymes 9-11-5 ... Mr J Weymes (7)
10 FP84 SCARBA 58 D Garraton 5-11-5 ... J White
11 06 STRONG MEASURE 48 P Cheesbrough 5-11-5 ... K Johnson
12 0-PP TIP NAP 48 Mrs S Smith 5-11-5 ... A Orkney
13 P5-P TUROLDUS 25 Mrs S Smith 8-11-5 ... Gary Lyons
14 4 WHO'S TEF 25 M H Easterby 5-11-5 ... L Wyer
15 PP- CHESWOLD LASS 584 B Richmond 9-11-0 ... T Eley (5)
16 P55 DOCTOR BRIGGS 89 Mrs J Jordan 4-11-0 ... D Morris
17 UP SUROT 119 Mrs J Jordan 7-11-0 ... S Taylor (7)
18 4/0 TARDA 69 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 ... P Niven
19 00 WABWOM 86 J Glover 4-11-0 ... S D Williams (3)
20 00 DANCING REEF 58 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-9 ... M Sharratt
3-1 Mr Fudge, 4-1 Astings, 9-2 Who's Tef, 5-1 Tarda, 13-2 Bedouin Prince, 8-1 Strong Measure, 12-1 Not Yet, 16-1 Majestic Gold, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 22 winners from 62 runners, 35.5%; M H Easterby, 22 from 73, 30.1%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 31 from 113, 27.4%; M Ryan, 6 from 24, 25.0%; J Smith, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Wharton, 11 from 51, 21.6%.
JOCKEYS: K Johnson, 8 winners from 33 rides, 24.2%; P Niven, 23 from 96, 24.0%; C Grant, 16 from 67, 23.9%; A Webb, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Mr S Swiers, 5 from 23, 21.7%; W Dwan, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
6.00 Swahili Run. 6.30 Romful Prince. 7.00 Tareesh. 7.30 Mr Murdock. 8.00 Farm Week. 8.30 Grand Frere.
Brian Beel: 7.30 Mr Murdock.

GOING: FIRM SIS

6.00 WHITSBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,730: 2m) (6 runners)
1 0213 MAJOR BUSH 17 (BF,S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6 ... M Pitman
2 F413 SPINNING STEEL 34 (D,F) M Meade 6-11-6 ... J Railton
3 4310 SWAHILI RUN 16 (F) M Pipe 5-11-6 ... R Dunwoody
4 00-6 MANABOUTTHEHOUSE 13 Mrs I McKie 8-10-13 ... L Harvey
5 0 TOM FURZE 37 J Old 6-10-13 ... T Grantham
6 06 MTORDSHANGA 90 J Collinson 4-10-3 ... D Leahy (5)
4-9 Swahili Run, 4-1 Major Bush, 13-2 Manabouthehouse, 8-1 others.

6.30 FONTHILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,271: 2m 5f) (7)
1 4R53 ROMFUL PRINCE 7 (G,S) C Mitchell 10-11-10 ... D Bridgwater
2 52SP TIARUM 17 (F,G,S) N Thomson 11-11-9 ... J Neaves (7)
3 8P/4 COPPER STREAK 22 (B,S) P Jones 11-11-9 ... D Leahy (5)
4 66UP BLAKENGTON 7 (B) N Mitchell 7-11-8 ... Mr N R Mitchell (7)
5 6-UP APRIL'S BABY 27 Miss C Caroe 9-11-5 ... I Lawrence
6 400F SHUTAFUT 7 T Forster 7-11-5 ... C Llewellyn
7 4646 BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 21 (F) A Cottrell 7-11-5 ... D Salter (7)
6-4 Shutafut, 11-4 Romful Prince, 4-1 Tiarum, 6-1 Bluechipenterprise, 8-1 others.

7.00 BBC SOMERSET SOUND NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,870: 2m 6f) (7)
1 1F83 TAREESH 10 (G) K Bailey 6-11-10 ... J Railton
2 1343 JOKER JACK 10 (F,S) R Dean 8-11-6 ... A Procter (5)
3 3113 THE LINK MAN 9 (D,F,S) Miss J Doyle 6-10-11 ... S Curran (7)
4 4501 KALAMOSS 14 (F) N Mitchell 4-10-8 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
5 6124 LAVALIGHT 14 (BF,F) R Hodges 6-10-5 ... R Dunwoody
6 -P38 SUNDAY JIM 233 H Webb 9-10-0 ... D Meade (7)
7 000- ALLAZARE 470 N Thomson 5-10-0 ... J Neaves (7)
7-4 Tareesh, 5-2 The Link Man, 9-2 Joker Jack, 6-1 Kalamoss, 7-1 Lavalight, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 26 winners from 70 runners, 37.1%; M Pipe, 35 from 121, 28.9%; T Forster, 13 from 79, 16.5%; G Ham, 6 from 48, 12.5%; K Bailey, 5 from 45, 11.1%; P Nicholls, 3 from 28, 10.7%.
JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 14 winners from 35 rides, 40.0%; R Dunwoody, 33 from 148, 22.3%; C Llewellyn, 11 from 78, 14.1%; J Kavanagh, 3 from 24, 12.5%; M A Fitzgerald, 8 from 69, 11.6%. (Only qualifiers)

7.30 R K HARRISON INSURANCE BROKERS NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,990: 2m 5f) (8)
1 -112 TRUST THE GYPSY 25 (BF,F,G) J Dufosee 11-12-7 M Felton (7)
2 3/1U MR MURDOCK 36 (F) H Wellstead 8-12-4 ... T Mitchell (7)
3 460/ AAH JIM BOY 2001 J Sprake 10-12-0 ... J Sprake (7)
4 00P/ COMIC LINE 871 (B) Mrs G Lane 8-12-0 ... Mr A Farrant (5)
5 PPP/ MASTER PEPPER 735 D Scott 12-12-0 ... J Scott (7)
6 4F-F YOU'LL DO 53 J Symes 10-12-0 ... I Dowrick (7)
7 043- GLADYS EMMANUEL 364 R Pocock 6-11-9 ... R Payne (7)
8 0P0/ WINNIE LORRAINE 771 H Wellstead 8-11-9 ... M G Miller (7)
7-4 Mr Murdock, 2-1 Trust The Gypsy, 9-2 Aah Jim Boy, 6-1 Winnie Lorraine, 20-1 others.

8.00 CHEDINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,236: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)
1 2351 SOLIDASAROCK 41 (C,F,G,S) R Akehurst 11-11-10 .. G McCourt
2 52FP WELKNOWN CHARACTER 25 (C,BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 11-11-8 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
3 4-30 SPACIAL 14 (C,F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-11-7 ... C Llewellyn
4 510V FARM WEEK 48 (CD,F,G,S) G Balding 11-11-7 ... A Maguire
5 2F15 COOLE DODGER 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) G Ham 8-11-2 R Dunwoody
6 4-28 JIMSTER 126 (D,F,S) C Nash 11-10-3 ... J Kavanagh
7 1-33 ARCTIC BARON 43 (D,BF,F) Mrs J Dawe 8-10-3 M A Fitzgerald
5-2 Coole Dodger, 3-1 Solidasarock, 4-1 Welknown Character, 11-2 Arctic Baron, 7-1 Farm Week, 10-1 Spacial, 12-1 Jimster.

8.30 JAMBOREE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,162: 2m) (9)
1 6112 DEXTRA DOVE 16 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-10 ... S Earle
2 1344 GLENSHANE LAD 4 (D,BF,F,G) K Bailey 7-11-3 ... J Railton
3 41P5 GRAND FRERE 7 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-2 ... R Dunwoody
4 232- WOLVER GOLD 414 (D,F) B Palling 6-10-13 ... B Clifford
5 6000 MADRAJ 29F (D,F) R Hodges 5-10-1 ... W Irvine
6 4214 VA UTU 13 (D,F,G) M Channon 5-10-0 ... Lorna Vincent
7 0633 BALLERINA ROSE 13 (D,BF,G) D Burchell 6-10-0. D J Burchell
8 08P0 PRINCE JUAN 4 (D,S) M Bradstock 6-10-0 ... C Llewellyn
9 PPP8 HAMPER 14 (D,G,S) N Mitchell 10-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
9-4 Dextra Dove, 3-1 Grand Frere, 9-2 Va Utu, 5-1 Ballerina Rose, Glenshane Lad, 7-1 Wolver Gold, 10-1 others.

French jockey killed

ROGER Duchene, one of France's most experienced jump jockeys, was killed yesterday in a fall at Auteuil. Duchene, riding Ti Bamara in a steeplechase, fell and suffered a crushed chest. A medical team at the course tried in vain to revive him.

The stewards cancelled the remaining two races at the meeting. Duchene, 37, was under contract to ride for leading owner Henri Chaloub, who won the 1991 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe with Suave Dancer.

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Wragg's fluent Chester winner earmarked for Royal Ascot

COLIN LANE



Smooth success: Beneficial and Michael Hills take centre stage with an impressive display in the Dee Stakes at Chester yesterday

Beneficial misses classic opportunity

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

BENEFICIAL produced a record-breaking victory in the Dee Stakes at Chester yesterday, and prompted a classic riddle.

In a year when genuine Derby contenders are few and far between, why was the Geoff Wragg-trained colt not entered for the Derby?

The impressive four-length success, achieved in a time more than half a second faster than the previous track record, would have earned a 10-1 quote from Ladbrokes for the Epsom classic had Beneficial been put in the race.

The decision to bypass Epsom comes only 12 months after Jeune, a half-brother to the winner and carrying the same colours, was also left out *of the Derby before running* away with the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood.

Both horses were owned by Sir Robin McAlpine, who died earlier this year, and his *nephew*, Bobby, a *director of* Chester racecourse, cast some light on the Epsom puzzle.

"My uncle was not too generous with the entries. He watched them like a hawk. I don't blame him as the cost of entries doesn't half add up," he explained.

Indeed, they do. But as Carolyn Elwes, daughter of the late building magnate, and another relative begin to share his considerable bloodstock interests — about 100 mares, foals, yearlings and horses in training — they may wish the £200 initial entry fee *had been paid in December* 1991.

Beneficial, also closely related to Dorset Duke, does not *pull hard during the early stages of a race, unlike other* Youthful offspring. Michael Hills soon had him settled at the rear of the field as Newton's Law and Premier League set a searching gallop. *Coming round the final turn* Beneficial accelerated past his rivals in a trice before running out the easiest of winners.

Wragg, diplomatically, said: "Beneficial was not put in the Derby because I did not think he would be good enough. Also, he would not be suited by pitching down the hill at Epsom."

The winning rider questioned whether Beneficial would get a mile and a half after his runaway success, but Wragg has no such doubts. The winner will be aimed at the group three Grosser *Hertie-Preis von Deutschland* over 11 furlongs at Munich on May 30. He may then contest the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Clive Brittain is at his most lethal when taking on fancied runners in pattern events. The Ormonde Stakes appeared, in theory, to be between Henry Cecil's Allegan and Michael Stoute's Zinaad, winner of last week's Jockey Club Stakes.

However, the always optimistic Brittain can be trusted to spoil the best-laid plans and Shambo, relatively unfancied at 7-1, found the better acceleration off the final bend.

Despite bumping Further Flight in the hurly-burly which so often occurs round *the tight bends at the* Roodeye, Michael Roberts soon straightened out Shambo before punching him out to a length victory over Allegan. A subsequent stewards' enquiry allowed the *placings to remain unaltered.*

Nineteen years after recording his first success on the Flat with Fiona's Pet at Wolver*hampton, Jack Berry celebrated* in style when Cee-Jay-Ay got up in the final strides to take the Wynn Handicap.

Richard Hannon's two-year-olds have been in cracking form, but he suffered a rare reversal when Jade Pet disappointed in the Sceptre Fillies' Stakes.

When she was beaten at Sandown two weeks ago, she flashed her tail and appeared slightly ungenuine. Yesterday, the Petong filly found surprisingly little when asked by Pat Eddery to challenge the front-running Stimulant, who went on to win by five lengths. Lord Derby's filly may now be aimed at the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: YOUNG ERN
(4.00 Lingfield)
Next best: Florac
(4.30 Lingfield)

Coughing puts paid to Yawl's York run

BY RICHARD EVANS

YAWL, one of the leading fancies for the Energizer Oaks, is coughing and will miss next week's Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York.

A maximum of five runners will go to post for the important fillies' classic trial. The Clive Brittain-trained Sueboog, impressive winner of the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury, is a definite runner along with Michael Stoute's Ivisa and the Barry Hills-trained Panzig. Marillette may make her seasonal debut for John Gosden, while Grove Daffodil, beaten in a Newmarket handicap last week, completes the entries.

Explaining Yawl's absence, Hills said: "She was blood-tested on Tuesday and was fine, but after working yesterday, she coughed four times on the way home. She has eaten up her food and has no temperature or dirty nose."

The Lupe Stakes at Goodwood on Wednesday week is a possible *alternative*.

The setback prompted William Hill and Ladbrokes to push out Yawl in the betting to 8-1 and 10-1 respectively. Sueboog is now the clear favourite, although Wemyss Bight, trained by Andre Fabre and owned by Khaled Abdulla, has been backed down from 20-1 two weeks ago to 7-1 second favourite with Ladbrokes.

Bin Ajwaad, third behind Zafonic in the 2,000 *Guineas*, is set to contest *the* French equivalent on Sunday.

Ben Hanbury had initially intended to send his improving colt to York next week for the Dante Stakes *in preparation for the Derby but, with the ground at* Longchamp on the soft side of good, he hopes to run in France. Tinners Way and Firm Pledge are other English-trained contenders.

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THUNDERER

2.30 Make The Break.
3.00 No Submission.
3.30 Rise Up Singing.
4.00 Carelaman.
4.30 FLORAC (nap).
5.00 Hopeful Bid.
5.30 Disputed Call.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 FLORAC.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Rise Up Singing. 4.00 Press Gallery.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM ON BACK STRAIGHT (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST (TURF)

2.30 HAWTHORN MAIDEN STAKES
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £3,611: 5f) (13 runners)

101 (7) AQUA VIVA (B) (M Parrish) J Troy 9-0 R Cochrane –
102 (3) BENFLEET (C Donovan) R Armstrong 9-0 R Hills –
103 (1) BITE THE BULLET (T Couchman) D Laing 9-0 J Williams –
104 (5) 0 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 43 (Mrs J Cleery) M Muggeridge 9-0 M Hills –
105 (12) HIGH DOMAIN (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 9-0 J Reid –
106 (2) JUST FLAMENCO (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 9-0 D Biggs –
107 (6) KNIGHTRIDER (P De Weck) C James 9-0 J Quinn –
108 (11) 02 MAKE THE BREAK 27 (Mrs J Reglan) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse
109 (9) 0 PETER ROWLEY 21 (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 80
110 (10) PRINCE DANZIG (A Uinck) D Morley Smith 9-0 C Rutter –
111 (13) 0 RICHARD'S ERROR 13 (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
112 (8) STRAIGHT ARROW (J Bailey) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 A Munro –
113 (4) DURANDETTE R Liddell J Bridger 8-9 G Bardwell –

BETTING: 9-4 Make The Break, 7-2 Peter Rowley, 4-1 Straight Arrow, 6-1 Aqua Viva, Benfleet, 10-1 others.

1992: FORTUNE CAY 9-0 A McGlone (6-5 fav) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAKE THE BREAK 1½l 2nd of 10 to Valiant Man in a maiden at Kempton (5f, good to soft). Previously, 13l 7th of 11 to Bandon Castle in a maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm), with CLANCY'S EXPRESS 23l last.

PETER ROWLEY 14l 7th of 8 to Turtle Island in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good). RICHARD'S ERROR 16l 13th of 14 to Mordaya in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good to soft).
Selection: MAKE THE BREAK

3.00 COURVOISIER CLAIMING STAKES
(All-weather: £2,556: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

201 (2) 0/0-0 KINNEGAD KID 27 (Mrs M Morgan) R Ingram 4-9-2 A McGlone –
202 (1) 414410 NO SUBMISSION 6 (C,D,G,S) (T Redman) D Chapman 7-9-1 S Wood
203 (5) 3-31000 SAAHI 6 (C,S) (M Peters) C Weedon 4-9-0 K Rutter (5) 87
204 (8) /45132 STORM FREE 17 (CD,BF) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 7-8-11 A Munro 73
205 (4) 242224 AWESOME POWER 41 (CD,S) (G Freyne) J Hills 7-8-9 D Holland 94
206 (3) 132006 EXPRESS SERVICE 11 (B,C) W O'Gorman 4-8-6 Emma O'Gorman (3) 79
207 (6) /0000/0- BARUD 101J (G Hopkins) D Wintle 5-8-5 N Adams –
208 (7) 063004- KING OF NORMANDY 27J (R Spencer) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-5 T Williams 76

BETTING: 2-1 No Submission, 5-2 Storm Free, 5-1 Saahi, 6-1 Awesome Power, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NO SUBMISSION beat Golden Chip by an easy-looking 1l in a 17-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, good). SAAHI beat Daring Past 1¾l in a 9-runner claimer here (AW, 1m, standard), with NO SUBMISSION (1lb worse off) 1½l 4th. STORM FREE 1l 2nd of 9 to Northern Conqueror in a claimer at Folkestone (1m 1f 110yd, good). AWESOME POWER around ¾l 4th of 6 to La Reine Rouge in a handicap here (AW, 1m 4f, standard).
Selection: NO SUBMISSION (nap)

3.30 SHARRON MURGATROYD CENTER PARCS LADIES HANDICAP
(Turf: £2,560: 7f) (16 runners)

301 (5) 5300-60 SHINING JEWEL 7 (C,D,F,G) (D Bolt) Mrs L Piggott 6-11-7 Mrs J Crossley 88
302 (3) 000-001 RISE UP SINGING 7 (B,D,F,G,S) W Musson 5-11-6 (5ex) Mrs J Musson 90
303 (9) 2-14240 ABSONAL 13 (CD,F,G) (Hamcrond Partnership) P Howling 6-11-4 Mrs L Pearce 95
304 (2) 520000- MAY HILLS LEGACY 196 (C,G) D Arbuthnot 4-11-0 Miss D Arbuthnot 89
305 (1) 0011-00 LUCKY NOIRE 18 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Hanson) G Harwood 5-11-0 Miss A Harwood 87
306 (14) 100-045 BILL MOON 92 (C,D,F,G) (P Feilden) P Feilden 7-10-10 Miss J Feilden 90
307 (6) 600036 WELLSY LAD 11 (B,CD,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 6-10-9 Miss Maxine Cowdrey 90
308 (11) 05-1204 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 7 (Mrs C Wonwood) D Thom 4-10-9 Miss I Diana W Jones 98
309 (15) 35202-0 ALNASRIC PETE 7 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 7-10-8 Mrs Elain Mellor
310 (13) 0200-00 RED INK 18 (Mrs S Powell) J Jenkins 4-9-12 Miss A Yardley 91
311 (12) 023000 COURTING NEWMARKET 8 (C) (G Taylor) Mrs A Knight 5-9-12 Miss S A Billot 86
312 (10) 55250-0 NAVARESQUE 4 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Pickford) R Hodges 8-9-10 Miss J Southcombe 86
313 (16) 0/0000- KALOKAGATHOS 142 (Trow Lane Farm) Mrs S Williams 4-9-5 Miss L Eaton –
314 (7) 010000- RAG TIME BELLE 183J (D,F) (R Hughes) Miss A Whitfield 7-9-2 Miss J Winter –
315 (8) 4250-00 MASTAMIST 17 (B) (R Greatorex) R Voorspuy 4-9-1 Mrs G Rees 89
316 (4) 13000-0 MARDIOR 87J (B,G) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 5-9-0 Miss L Hide 78

Long handicap: Mardior 9-11.

BETTING: 11-4 Rise Up Singing, 5-1 Captain Marmalade, Lucky Noire, 6-1 Absonal, 8-1 Alnasric Pete, Bill Moon, 10-1 Wellsy Lad, 14-1 Shining Jewel, 20-1 Courting Newmarket, Navaresque, 25-1 others

1992: BALLERINA BAY 4-10-11 Miss Diane Jones (6-1) D Thom 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

RISE UP SINGING beat Kissavos 3l in a 27-runner lady riders' handicap at Newmarket (7f, good), with CAPTAIN MARMALADE (5lb better off) 3l 4th, SHINING JEWEL (4lb better off) 3l 9th and ALNASRIC PETE (5lb better off) 11l 25th. ABSONAL 6l 4th of 14 to Little Rousillon in a handicap at Kempton (7f, good to soft), with RISE UP SINGING (3lb worse off) 9l 10th. Previously, beat Excess Baggage 2l in a 12-runner handicap here (AW, 1m, standard), with BILL MOON (4lb worse off) 16l 9th.
LUCKY NOIRE beat Aegean Lady ¾l in a 15-runner handicap at Folkestone in November (1m 1f 110yd, heavy). WELLSY LAD ½l 3rd of 16 to Gant Bleu in a handicap at Thirsk (7f, good).
Selection: ABSONAL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	5	10	50.0	W Carson	23	96	24.0
J Hills	5	17	29.4	M Hills	12	55	21.8
P Cole	18	73	24.7	R Hills	10	51	19.6
G Harwood	14	62	22.6	J Reid	23	118	19.5
L Cottrell	3	14	21.4	Pat Eddery	16	82	19.5
R Thomson Jones	3	15	20.0	R Cochrane	23	122	18.9

4.00 McCALL GROUP CONDITIONS STAKES
(Turf: 3-Y-O: £3,318: 7f) (8 runners)

401 (5) 10 CYPRIAN DANCER 14 (D) (C Shacolas) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 75
402 (2) 1 YAQTHAN 27 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 92
403 (1) 42121-0 WHITE SHADOW 27 (G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-13 Pat Eddery 94
404 (6) 5530-41 PRESS GALLERY 17 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-12 Paul Eddery 88
405 (3) 2315-4 CARELAMAN 34 (D,G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson
406 (7) 14013-6 YOUNG ERN 21 (F,S) (M Kentish) S Dow 8-10 L Piggott 98
407 (4) 14 WINGED VICTORY 8 (D,G) (F Hellen) I Balding 8-9 R Cochrane 84
408 (8) 10- FORTHWITH 231 (D,S) (L Ward) J Hills 8-7 M Hills 78

BETTING: 3-1 Carelaman, 4-1 Winged Victory, 9-2 White Shadow, 5-1 Yaqthan, 13-2 Young Ern, 8-1 others.

1992: DEPRECATOR 4-9-10 R Cochrane (Evens fav) J Gosden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

YAQTHAN beat Bold Thatcher a neck in an 8-runner maiden at Kempton (7f, soft). WHITE SHADOW beat Yakin a neck in a 6-runner listed race at Ayr (6f, soft). PRESS GALLERY beat The Little Ferret 2l in a 13-runner maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to soft). CARELAMAN 2½l 4th of 10 to Imtiraz in a handicap over course and distance (good). YOUNG ERN 4½l 6th of 12 to Easter Memories in a handicap at Newbury (1m, good). WINGED VICTORY 3¾l 4th of 6 to Firm Pledge in a conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: CARELAMAN

4.30 VICTORIA TRADING HANDICAP (Turf: £3,183: 5f) (13 runners)

501 (7) 5244-00 NO QUARTER GIVEN 25 (D,F,G,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 8-10-0 R Cochrane 86
502 (4) 010321- PEERAGE PRINCE 161 (B,C,D,F,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 4-9-11 A Munro 87
503 (3) 844152 MISTER JOLSON 10 (CD,BF,F,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 4-9-8 W Carson 96
504 (2) 5000-15 THE NOBLE OAK 18 (CD,F,G,S) (M McCormack) M McCormack 5-9-4 J Reid 89
505 (1) 021305- SIR CAPTAIN 233 (CD,F,G,S) (A Barnes) P Howling 9-9-0 Paul Eddery 87
506 (8) 4006-30 JOE SUGDEN 25 (D,F,G,S) (P Dennes) P Howling 9-8-13 C Rutter 91
507 (6) 265-412 COCKERHAM RANGER 18 (D,F,G) (M Parrish) J Troy 3-8-13 A Geran 91
508 (10) 021140 SERIOUS HURRY 18 (CD,BF) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 5-8-11 T Quinn 90
509 (5) 00600-0 MOVING IMAGE 18 (D,S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 3-8-9 C Dwyer 87
510 (11) 2200-00 BELTHORN 10 (T Thom) J Bridger 4-8-8 G Bardwell 92
511 (9) 400060 LINCSTONE BOY 6 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs J Addleshaw) K Burke 5-8-8 J Williams 95
512 (12) 5100-2 FLORAC 11 (D,F) (M Houseman) M Heaton-Ellis 3-7-13 D Wright (7)
513 (13) 04000-0 CAMINO A RONDA 126 (J Li) Pat Mitchell 4-7-9 Kim McDonnell (7) –

BETTING: 7-2 Florac, 9-2 Cockerham Ranger, 6-1 Mister Jolson, The Noble Oak, 13-2 Sir Captain, 8-1 Joe Sugden, 10-1 Peerage Prince, Serious Hurry, 16-1 No Quarter Given, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MISTER JOLSON short-head 2nd of 15 to Cobblers Hill in a handicap at Bath (5f, good), with BELTHORN (7lb better off) 17l 12th. THE NOBLE OAK beat Miss Vaxette 1l in an 8-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (good), with JOE SUGDEN (4lb better off) ½l 3rd and SERIOUS HURRY (8lb better off) 1¼l 4th.
COCKERHAM RANGER 1l 2nd of 13 to Palacegate Gold in a handicap at Brighton (5f 110yd, good), with LINCSTONE BOY (5lb better off) 3¼l 6th and SERIOUS HURRY (3lb better off) 1¼l 8th. FLORAC ¾l 2nd of 14 to True Precision in a handicap at Windsor (5f, good to soft).
Selection: FLORAC

5.00 MARLEY GOLDSEAL PLUS LIMITED STAKES
(£3,131: 7f 140yd) (14 runners)

601 (2) 041/0 DUCKEY FUZZ 8 (G) (P Flower) R Flower 5-9-10 Paul Eddery –
602 (5) 0340-64 HOPEFUL BID 27 (D,F) (N Capon) R Hannon 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 90
603 (10) 131230 MULCIBER 14 (C,F) (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 5-9-10 M Hills 96
604 (3) 0-33240 PRECIOUS WONDER 9 (S) (M Murray) P Butler 4-9-10 L Piggott 97
605 (7) 0-13040 ROSEATE LODGE 4 (D,F,G) (D Price) K Burke 7-9-10 T Quinn 94
606 (13) 048360- ACARA 219 (R Wood) C James 4-9-5 J Quinn 75
607 (14) -540345 AMETHYSTINE 1 (CD,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-9-5 S Drowne (7) 87
608 (11) 5401-00 BERNSTEIN BETTE 13 (F,G,S) (J Ford) P Felgate 7-9-5 R Cochrane 98
609 (6) 115043- SANTANA LADY 189 (G) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-5 J Reid 96
610 (4) 500-1 KNYAZ 24 (S) (T Melosso) L Cottrell 3-8-11 A Munro 91
611 (1) 00052-4 SEA BARON 25 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 3-8-11 J Williams 92
612 (8) 0210- SOAKING 195 (BF,F) (K Higson) G Moore 3-8-11 B Rouse 89
613 (12) 05402-1 COMANCHE COMPANION 11 (S) (Drolmor Racing) T Naughton 3-8-6 D Holland
614 (9) 1500-00 SHARP GAZELLE 34 (F) (M Pattimore) B Smart 3-8-6 A Tucker (3) 75

BETTING: 4-1 Comanche Companion, 9-2 Knyaz, 5-1 Hopeful Bid, 7-1 Amethystine, Mulciber, 8-1 Roseate Lodge, Santana Lady, 12-1 Sea Baron, 16-1 Precious Wonder, 20-1 Bernstein Bette, Soaking, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MULCIBER 28l 14th of 16 to Camden's Ransom in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good). Previously, 4¾l 4th of 9 to Night Clubbing in a handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, firm).
PRECIOUS WONDER 14l 20th of 22 to Tender Moment in a handicap at Ascot (7f, good). Best recent form when ½l 2nd of 17 to Tender Moment in a handicap at Kempton (7f, soft), with HOPEFUL BID (2lb better off) 4½l 4th, ROSEATE LODGE 10l 9th of 21 to Roseloes in an apprentices' handicap at Warwick (1m, good to firm). AMETHYSTINE 6¾l 5th of 13 to dancing Sensation in a handicap at Brighton yesterday (6f 209yd, firm). BERNSTEIN BETTE 13l 14th of 22 to Languidus in a handicap at Leicester (8f, good). SANTANA LADY 2l 3rd of 18 to Jungle Knife in an apprentices' handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good), with MULCIBER (1lb worse off) 6½l 9th and HOPEFUL BID (1lb worse off) 2½l 12th. COMANCHE COMPANION beat Mistefnel 2l in a maiden at Windsor (1m 110y, good to soft).
Selection: COMANCHE COMPANION

5.30 MAY HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,924: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1 (12) 512120- RIVAL BID 219 (CD,G) (D Altham) M Jarvis 5-10-0 N Day 86
2 (7) 021-0 DISPUTED CALL 29 (C) (J Hills) J Hills 4-9-13 M Hills 91
3 (8) 0-13320 LOWAWATHA 34 (CD) (N Lunn) D Morris 5-9-0 Stephen Davies (5) 86
4 (4) 5000/30 HIGHLY SECURE 4 (BF) (Mrs J Richards) M Pipe 6-8-11 L Piggott 88
5 (9) 006-045 OUR EDDIE 43 (V) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-8-10 N Adams 84
6 (11) 3133-20 BICHETTE 10 (C) (P Higson) G Moore 3-8-10 B Rouse 98
7 (3) 05635-0 HIGHLAND FLAME 10 (B) (Mrs P Kalman) A Lee 4-8-4 J Quinn 84
8 (10) 600-060 MAY SQUARE 85 (F) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 5-7-12 T Sprake 91
9 (6) 400-406 WITH GUSTO 85 (CD) (M Brunon) K Cunningham-Brown 6-7-10 D Biggs 90
10 (1) 500 LITTLE KARLIE 36 (G Betterfield) M Dixon 3-7-7 D Wright (7) 87
11 (2) 06-3324 GENESIS FOUR 71 (B) (C Dehaney) J Jenkins 3-7-7 E Johnson 97
12 (5) 0-55501 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 17 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-7-7 B Doyle (5)

Long handicap: Little Karlie 7-6, Genesis Four 7-6, Northern Conqueror 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Northern Conqueror, 4-1 Bichette, 9-2 Disputed Call, 6-1 Lowawatha, 7-1 Genesis Four, 8-1 Rival Bid, 12-1 Highly Secure, 16-1 With Gusto, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RIVAL BID 18l 14th of 15 to Cold Shower in an apprentices' handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Previously, 2½l 2nd of 18 to No Comebacks in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). DISPUTED CALL 28l 12th of 19 to Superoo in a handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good). Previously, beat Etiquette 3½l in a 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f, standard). LOWAWATHA 14l 5th of 14 to Modesto in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f, standard). Previously, 1½l 2nd of 9 to Gold Blade in a handicap here (AW, 1m 2f, standard). OUR EDDIE 9¾l 5th of 18 to Albert in a lady riders' handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm), with MAY SQUARE (12lb better off) ¾l 8th. NORTHERN CONQUEROR beat Storm Free 1l in a 9-runner claimer at Folkestone (1m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: MAY SQUARE

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BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.20 Scusi. 2.50 Palacegate Jo. 3.20 Notable Exception. 3.50 Sweet Mignonette. 4.20 Vistec Express. 4.50 Shamshom Al Arab.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERED) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,720: 5f) (15 runners)

1 CUMBRIAN CALYPSO M H Easterby 9-0 S Maloney (3) 11
2 EL ARZ J Payne 9-0 W Hood 3
3 03 EXPORT MONDIAL 15 J Eustace 9-0 M Tebbutt 15
4 JADE CITY Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 K Fallon 10
5 0-40 LIDA'S DELIGHT 6 M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas 6
6 06-5 SCORED AGAIN 21 R Whitaker 9-0 A Culhane 2
7 66-0 SCUSI 22 W Jarvis 9-0 W Ryan 4
8 30-6 ANDRULA MOU 21 M W Easterby 8-9 L Charnock 14
9 COLFAX CLASSIC B Rothwell 8-9 N Carlisle 7
10 06 FINAL OAK 18 B McMahon 8-9 S Sanders (7) 1
11 3-55 FRIENDLY SMILE 111 G Eden 8-9 G Carter 9
12 500- HUMBER'S SUPREME 267 (B) B Rothwell 8-9 D Harrison (3) 12
13 JESSICA SUE J Leigh 8-9 S Webster 5
14 MOLLY BRAZEN J Etherington 8-9 G Hind 13
15 00-4 MUSICAL TIMES 25 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 F Norton 8

15-8 Export Mondial, 5-2 Scusi, 5-1 Cumbrian Calypso, 6-1 Musical Times, 8-1 Friendly Smile, Lida's Delight, 10-1 Scored Again, 12-1 others.

2.50 LUND CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (13)

1 0 UNKNOWN STAR 6 A Hambly 8-10 A Proud 3
2 0 NOSMO KING 22 J Berry 8-8 W Ryan 9
3 NINE PIPES Mrs P Barker 8-7 B Raymond 2
4 00 GRANDEE 13 (B) B McMahon 8-5 S Sanders (7) 6
5 06 YOUNG MEDIC 35 (V) J Wainwright 8-5 F Norton 12
6 BUNNY RUN M H Easterby 8-4 S Maloney (3) 8
7 CLASSIC MISS A Potts 8-4 S Webster 5
8 2 PALACEGATE JO 21 (BF) J Berry 8-4 G Carter 10
9 BESCABY GIRL J Wharton 8-3 K Fallon 13
10 0 LASTOTHEBRADFIELDS 21 M W Easterby 8-1 C Munday (7) 4
11 LUNAR RHAPSODY M W Easterby 8-0 L Charnock 7
12 0 RUSTUS 42 A Smith 7-13 C Hawksley (7) 1
13 SURPRISE BREEZE R Whitaker 7-13 N Carlisle 11

4-7 Palacegate Jo, 5-1 Nosmo King, Rustus, 6-1 Bunny Run, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 34 runners, 38.2%; J Dunlop, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Stoute, 12 from 44, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 56, 23.2%; S Norton, 9 from 60, 15.0%; J Berry, 19 from 138, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: Claire Balding, 5 winners from 8 rides, 62.5%; W Ryan, 13 from 74, 17.6%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 18, 16.7%; B Raymond, 11 from 68, 16.2%; G Carter, 8 from 53, 15.1%; Alex Greaves, 8 from 60, 13.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 2.20 Humber's Supreme; 2.50 Grandee, Young Medic; 3.20 Sir Pageant, Kirkman's Kamp. Lingfield: 2.30 Aqua Viva.

3.20 HARCROS STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP (£3,340: 2m 35yd) (13)

1 00-0 SIR PAGEANT 123 (B) K Bridgwater 4-9-10 S D Williams (3) 2
2 34-5 NOTABLE EXCEPTION 25 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 W Ryan 10
3 10-3 DESERT MIST 38 (B,F) Denys Smith 4-9-2 K Fallon 12
4 00-50 VALATCH 11 (F) J Harris 5-8-10 G Forster (7) 7
5 -226 CHANTRY BARTLE 13 (F) C Thornton 7-8-10 S Webster 11
6 3260/ KIRKMAN'S KAMP 1405 (V) P Evans 8-8-4 B Raymond 8
7 222-2 KING WILLIAM 20J (CD,F) J Spearing 8-8-3 Alex Greaves 3
8 045- IZITALLWORTHIT 187 J Mackie 4-8-3 G Hind 4
9 000/5 PIMSI 41 J Wharton 8-8-2 N Carlisle 5
10 0054 LARKADIO 11 (B,CD,F) M Chapman 6-8-1 G Carter 6
11 0004- SAFARI PARK 13J B Rothwell 4-7-11 D Harrison (3) 6
12 380- REXY BOY 25J (V,D,F,G) W Barker 6-7-8 L Charnock 13
13 0-63 ENKINDLE 11 B Murray 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 1

3-1 Enkindle, 7-2 Desert Mist, 5-1 Chantry Bartle, 6-1 Larkadio, Sir Pageant, 8-1 Notable Exception, Rexy Boy, 12-1 others.

3.50 HUMBERSIDE APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,691: 1m 100yd) (8)

1 0-15 SWEET MIGNONETTE 13 (BF,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-11 F Norton 1
2 0620 SANDMOOR DENIM 21 (BF,CD,F,G) S Bowring 6-9-7 G Strange (5) 3
3 40-0 PATIENCE PLEASE 21 (F) M H Easterby 4-9-5 S Maloney 5
4 06-0 JOKIST 21 (F,G,S) W Jarvis 10-9-1 S Jones (7) 6
5 4510 SHANNON EXPRESS 20 (V,D,F,S) E Alston 6-8-10 Claire Balding (5) 7
6 2200 BALLYRANTER 13 (D,G) H Collingridge 4-8-9 C Hawksley (5) 4
7 0-00 CHARIOTEER 34 P Haslam 4-8-3 C Adamson (7) 2
8 0-00 DOUBLE SHERRY 13 R Whitaker 4-7-12 M Baird (5) 8

3-1 Sweet Mignonette, 7-2 Jokist, 5-1 Sandmoor Denim, 11-2 Ballyranter, 6-1 Patience Please, Shannon Express, 10-1 Charioteer, 20-1 Double Sherry.

4.20 EVERINGHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,947: 1m 1f 207yd) (6)

1 440- BEST APPEARANCE 246 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 K Fallon 2
2 40-3 FORMATO UNI 13 J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter 3
3 0-0 SOCIAL VISION 15 M Avison 9-0 L Charnock 5
4 0- VISTEC EXPRESS 206 H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 6
5 0 CLARIFICATION 15 J Wharton 8-9 N Carlisle 4
6 0- MOW WAAL 188 M Stoute 8-9 B Raymond 1

10-11 Formato Uni, 3-1 Vistec Express, 4-1 Mow Waal, 5-1 Best Appearance, 10-1 Clarification, 33-1 Social Vision.

4.50 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP
(£3,157: 1m 3f 216yd) (10)

1 0-06 VASILIEV 15 (B,D,G) J Leigh 5-9-11 G Carter 2
2 050-5 WEST WITH THE WIND 8 (D,F,G) M Dods 6-8-11 S Webster 1
3 50-3 DUGGAN 37 (CD,F,G) P Evans 6-8-8 B Raymond 5
4 005- LINPAC EXPRESS 14J (V) P Dalton 4-8-7 C Hawksley (7) 4
5 0-50 TROJAN LANCER 18 (BF,D,F) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-5 W Ryan 3
6 30-1 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 8 (D,F,S) S Norton 5-8-3 (6ex) Darren Moffatt (5) 6
7 -664 LUKS AKURA 35 (V,D,F) M Johnston 5-7-13 M Baird (7) 10
8 84/5- ILLOGICAL 49J (V) J Glover 6-7-12 L Charnock 9
9 -000 ALICANTE 23 (B) M Chapman 6-7-7 N Carlisle 7
10 000- STATIA 195 D Incisa 5-7-7 Kim Tinkler 8

2-1 Shamshom Al Arab, 7-2 Luks Akura, 5-1 Duggan, 8-1 Statia, Vasiliev, 10-1 West With The Wind, 14-1 Linpac Express, 20-1 others.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.40 Doc Spot. 3.10 Pine Ridge Lad. 3.40 White Creek. 4.10 Monkey Magic. 4.40 Sartigila. 5.10 Shynon.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.10 SHYNON (nap).

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.40 IRTHING RATING RELATED MAIDEN
(3-Y-O: £2,422: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 0233 ARC BRIGHT 14 R Hollinshead 9-0 K Darley 6
2 -042 DOC SPOT 14 J Wilson 9-0 J Fortune 3
3 -056 PRIME PAINTER 7 R Fisher 9-0 D Nicholls 2
4 000- LADY ADARE 221 J J O'Neill 8-9 M Birch 1
5 00-0 MY SISTER LUCY 31 A Jarvis 8-9 S Whitworth 4
6 040- SASSAMOUSE 181 R Guest 8-9 W Woods 5

7-4 Arc Bright, 2-1 Doc Spot, 9-2 Prime Painter, 11-2 Sassamouse, 20-1 others.

3.10 DERWENT CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,780: 6f 206yd) (15)

1 /4004 SAVAHRA SOUND 22 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-10 D Nicholls 12
2 2046 RESPECTABLE JONES 4 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-6 S Perks 10
3 0-4 BAFFIE 7 P Monteith 4-9-5 J Fortune 15
4 0-00 JUST A STEP 6 (C,D,F,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-2 W Newnes 7
5 0/0- PERSIAN LION 69J F Watson 4-9-0 K Darley 3
6 6000- SLY PROSPECT 224J (D,F) K White 5-9-0 A Garth (5) 14
7 3441 CLAUDIA MISS 14 (CD,S) W Haigh 6-8-13 Dean McKeown 1
8 0020 TWILIGHT FALLS 11 (F,S) M Camacho 5-8-12 N Connorton 2
9 52-6 SHALABIA 14 C Parker 4-8-11 O Pears (5) 5
10 2050- HOMILE 246 (G) B McMahon 5-8-10 M Birch 6
11 00 GAMEFULL GOLD 13 R Dickin 4-8-9 P Robinson 11
12 KABELIA 41J D Moffatt 5-8-7 J Carroll 4
13 0 MOST SIQUXTABLE 15 C Thornton 3-8-7 J Fanning 13
14 1265 PINE RIDGE LAD 31 (B,D,F) M Johnston 3-8-2 J Lowe 9
15 26-4 ALWAYS RISKY 8 (G) Miss L Perratt 3-8-1 G Duffield 8

3-1 Claudia Miss, 7-2 Pine Ridge Lad, 9-2 Respectable Jones, 6-1 others

3.40 EAMONT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,209: 6f 206yd) (12)

1 2324 PANTHER 13 J Hetherton 9-7 K Darley 2
2 44-1 QUEEN OF THE QUORN 24 (S) G Moore 9-3 W Newnes 1
3 -112 CERTAIN WAY 11 C Tinkler 9-1 M Birch 6
4 360- GWEEK 197 M Tompkins 8-8 P Robinson 10
5 06-6 FREDDIE JACK 18 F Lee 8-7 R Lappin 5
6 4100 LARN FORT 21 T Fairhurst 8-5 J Fanning 3
7 00-0 BOLD LINE 42 P Haslam 8-5 Dale Gibson 12
8 500- ADMISSION 224 N Chamberlain 8-5 N Connorton 11
9 400- ORIENTAL PRINCESS 246 R Hollinshead 8-5 A Garth (5) 4
10 4011 WHITE CREEK 4 (V,D,S) J Berry 8-5 (5ex) J Carroll 8
11 00-0 SPORTING SPIRIT 4 D Chapman 8-3 J Lowe 7
12 300- FORMIDABLE LIZ 221 M Hammond 8-1 G Duffield 9

9-4 White Creek, 5-1 Queen Of The Quorn, 13-2 Panther, 7-1 Certain Way, 8-1 Sporting Spirit, 10-1 Larn Fort, 14-1 Gweek, Bold Line, 16-1 others

4.10 CALDEW MAIDEN (2-Y-O: £3,435: 5f) (12)

1 4 BACCANALIA 8 R Fisher 9-0 J Lowe 7
2 60 BLASTER BATES 11 N Bycroft 9-0 D Nicholls 8
3 CALL TO MIND M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 11
4 GOLDEN STAR T Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning 6
5 53 MONKEY MAGIC 30 (BF) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 12
6 02 PERSIAN HERITAGE 11 J Payne 9-0 G Duffield 4
7 PETE AFRIQUE M W Easterby 9-0 K Darley 9
8 RAFFERTY'S RULES Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 Raymond Berry 1
9 5 RICH HARMONY 37 E Weymes 9-0 W Newnes 3
10 WEST COAST 10 G Moore 9-0 Dean McKeown 10
11 0 EXPRESS LINE 6 A Jarvis 8-9 S Whitworth 2
12 WOO M Tompkins 8-9 P Robinson 5

7-4 Persian Heritage, 4-1 Monkey Magic, 6-1 Pete Afrique, Rich Harmony, West, 10-1 Blaster Bates, 12-1 Baccanalia, Rafferty's Rules, 16-1 others.

4.40 ESK HANDICAP (£3,261: 5f 207yd) (16)

1 300- SUPER BENZ 178 (C,D,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-10-0 D Pears (5) 16
2 -051 BLUE GRIT 11 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 7-9-11 (7ex) J Lowe 5
3 000-0 MASTER POKEY 6 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-9-6 P Johnson (7) 3
4 5-20 SARTIGILA 20 M Hammond 4-9-6 G Duffield 6
5 -004 DIET 24 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-9-5 N Connorton 4
6 05-0 ARABAT 21 (V,D,F,G,S) Martyn Wane 6-9-4 Jaid Houston 11
7 03-0 MISS ARAGON 6 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 5-8-6 Dean McKeown 8
8 3436 MU-ARRIK 18 (B) J Wainwright 5-8-4 W Newnes 1
9 2043 HINARI VIDEO 18 (C,D,G,S) M Johnston 8-8-2 R P Elliott 12
10 000 IMPORTANT DECISION 23 D Chapman 4-7-13 K Darley 15
11 2450 CHOICE LOT 41 (F) A Jones 6-7-13 A Mackay 14
12 /1/0- RISE OVER 184J (F) K White 7-7-12 A Garth (5) 7
13 0303 BRISAS 32 (B,C,D,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-7-12 J Fanning 10
14 0-55 COOL ENOUGH 16 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-7-7 C Teague (7) 2
15 604- COLMAR 171 R Bastiman 4-7-7 Dale Gibson 9
16 -000 BARBEZIEUX 10 (F,S) D Wilson 6-7-7 D McCabe (7) 13

11-2 Blue Grit, 6-1 Sartigila, 8-1 Diet, Arabat, 10-1 Hinari Video, Mu-Arrik, Cool Enough, 12-1 Super Benz, Master Pokey, Miss Aragon, 14-1 Colmar, 16-1 others

5.10 EDEN HANDICAP (£3,106: 1m 6f 32yd) (13)

1 0202/ MONTPELIER LAD 20J G Richards 6-10-0 D Nicholls 5
2 -000 HILLZAH 13 (BF,G) R Bastiman 5-9-8 H Bastiman (7) 9
3 -64 FAIRFIELDS CONE 18 E Incisa 10-9-6 D Meredith (5) 6
4 2-425 HOT STAR 13 (S) G Moore 7-9-3 W Newnes 1
5 -654 CONTINUITY 16 E Alston 4-9-3 J Weaver (3) 12
6 0/50 CORNET 21J (V,C,S) Denys Smith 7-9-0 N Connorton 2
7 0/5-1 GRACE CARD 11 (S) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-12 (5ex) K Darley 3
8 30-0 BARTON PRIDE 10 M Hammond 4-8-8 G Duffield 13
9 0/6- GREAT ORATION 380 F Watson 4-8-7 Dean McKeown 8
10 3-21 SHYNON 14 (C,S) M Tompkins 3-8-6 P Robinson 4
11 104-0 TRICYCLE 31 (D,F) J Watts 4-9-1 J Lowe 10
12 600-5 BLUE DISC 6J R Hollinshead 8-7-13 A Garth (5) 7
13 000- ALPHA HELIX 183 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-7-7 J Fanning 11

6-4 Grace Card, 7-2 Shynon, 8-1 Hot Star, 10-1 Continuity, 14-1 Barton Pride, Montpelier Lad, Fairfields Cone, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 11 winners from 38 rides, 28.9%; M Johnston, 9 from 38, 23.7%; J Watts, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Berry, 22 from 102, 21.6%; Denys Smith, 8 from 46, 17.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 6 from 38, 15.8%; E Alston, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 6 winners from 12 rides, 50.0%; G Duffield, 18 from 95, 18.9%; Dean McKeown, 22 from 117, 18.8%; K Darley, 17 from 100, 17.0%; D Nicholls, 10 from 60, 16.7%; S Perks, 5 from 37, 16.2%; R P Elliott, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Carroll, 14 from 113, 12.4%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Chester
Going: good to firm

2.10 (5f 16yd) 1, STIMULANT (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2, Singular Sensation (D Holland, 6-1); 3, Jade Pet (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Bella Parkes (4th). 4 ran. NR: Indiahra. 5l, ½l, ½l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote £5.00. DF: £17.90. CSF £36.95. 1min 02.27sec

2.40 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, BENEFICIAL (M Hills, 5-2 fav; Richard Evans's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Blues Traveller (D Holland, 7-1); 3, Newton's Law (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fret (4th), Desert Secret (6th), 11 Premier League (5th). 6 ran. 4l, hd, 1½l, 5l, 4l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote £3.10; £1.90, £3.40. DF: £10.40. CSF: £16.77. 2min 07.98sec (course record)

3.10 (5f 16yd) 1, STACK ROCK (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Plain Fact (D Holland, 8-1); 3, Never In The Red (J Carroll, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Inherent Magic (4th), 5 Crystal Jack, 7 Bit Of A Lark, 9 Finjan (5th), 14 Petraco, 20 Ever So Lonely (6th). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l, ½l, 3l, ¾l. E Alston at Preston. Tote: £15.80; £4.10, £2.70, £1.60. DF: £41.70. Trio: £88.10. CSF: £60.91. Tricast: £263.60. 59.97sec

3.40 (1m 5f 89yd) 1, SHAMBO (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Allegan (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 3, Zinaad (W R Swinburn, 5-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 *Further Flight* (4th), 33 Justice (5th). 5 ran. 1l, hd, 6l, 12l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote £8.30; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £9.80. Trio: £88.10. CSF: £25.09. 2min 50.45sec. After stewards' enquiry: result stood.

4.10 (7f 122yd) 1, CEE-JAY-AY (J Carroll, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Veloce (F Norton, 14-1); 3, Silky Siren (Pat Eddery, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Tynan Purple (4th), 8 Lombard Ships, 9 Big Blue, 11 Dam Certain, Boursin (5th), 14 Mummys Rocket (6th), 33 Rock Song. 10 ran. Hd, 1l, 1l, 2l, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £4.90, £1.30. DF: £77.00. CSF: £40.37. Tricast: £126.28. 1min 32sec.

4.40 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, KILLICK (D Wright, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Philgun (S Maloney, 9-1); 3, Eire Leath-Sceal (J Lowe, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Mad Militant (6th), 15-2 Wassl This Then, 8 Rose Glen, 10 Don't Forget Marie, Enfant Du Paradis (5th), 14 Fanatical (4th). 9 ran. 2½l, 2l, 5l, ½l, 2½l. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £3.30, £1.70. DF: £14.50. CSF: £28.24. Tricast: £161.60. 2min 36.44sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,288.41 to carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £1,156.90.

Brighton
Going: firm

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, BID FOR BLUE (L Piggott, 11-4 fav); 2, Just Greenwich (J Reid, 33-1); 3, Super Symphonic (P Robinson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hollington Song (4th), Kennel Boy, Soundtown Girl, 6 Ablest Son (6th), 12 Classical Don, 25 Son of Hadeer (5th), Hummingbirdprincess, 33 The Spike. 11 ran. Nk, 8l, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £9.00, £4.00. DF: £78.10. CSF £74.06

2.30 (6f 209yd) 1, FANFOLD (T Quinn, 3-1); 2, Patong Beach (R Hills, 10-1); 3, Callisar (T Sprake, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Hy Wilma, 7-2 Pirates Gold (4th), 7 Zilli (6th), 16 Nutan, 20 Rachelly (5th), 25 Mr Jazz Dancer, 33 Krayyan Dawn, Ambivalent-attitude, Interview. 12 ran. NR: Daily Sport Don. 1l, 2l, ½l, 7l, ¾l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.90; £2.30, £4.20, £2.60. DF: £26.70. CSF £23.02

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, MUNDAY DEAN (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Dr Zeva (Kim McDonnell, 25-1); 3, Rocquaine Bay (C Rutter, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Admirals Secret, 11-2 Debacle, 6 Gilbert's Girl (6th), 13-2 Atlantic Way, 8 Alqairawaan, 10 Full Quiver (4th), Scenic Dancer (5th), 14 Thin Red Line, 20 Aquado, 33 Simply. 13 ran. 2l, 5l, nk, hd, 1½l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote £15.10; £3.90, £7.40, £2.50. DF: £309.30. CSF: £175.66. Tricast: £1,532.24

3.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, EXHIBIT AIR (L Piggott, 9-2); 2, Captain's Guest (R Hills, 13-2); 3, Alydoncan (M Perrett, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Cashell, 7-2 Canopus (5th), 10 Monsignor Pat (6th), 14 Olivedi, 16 Tassel (4th), 20 One Off The Rail, Persansky, 50 Doogarey, Jaleeca, Side Bar, Risky Rosie. 14 ran. 2½l, 2l, hd, 2l, nk. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £6.40; £1.70, £2.80, £2.80. DF: £39.40. CSF £32.94.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, DANCING SENSATION (T Quinn, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Tyrone Flyer (J Weaver, 12-1); 3, Quinta Royale (Paul Eddery, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Amethystine (5th), 7 Charmed Knave, Duty Sergeant, 12 Anatroccolo (4th), Fiveofive (6th), Chummy's Idea, 14 Roca Murada, 20 Flying Wind, 33 Hold Fast, 50 Osgathorpe. 13 ran. 3l, nk, 3l, sh hd, 2l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £5.00, £2.30. DF: £49.50. CSF: £53.77. Tricast: £261.95

4.30 (5f 213yd) 1, SAKHAROV (P Robinson, 16-1); 2, Clean Gate (E Johnson, 16-1); 3, Texas Cowgirl (B Doyle, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Well Bought (6th), 4 Castle Maid, 5 Clear Look (4th), 7 Royal Interval, 12 Loon, 16 Kafioca (5th), Marwell Mitzi, 25 Andy Jack, Blyton Star, 33 Cheren Boy. 13 ran. Nk, 2½l, sh hd, 2l, ¾l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £34.20; £4.70, £8.10, £6.30. DF: £106.40. CSF: £232.64. Tricast £2,232.21

Placepot: £2,467.50.

Carlisle
Going: good (good to soft in places final 2f)

2.20 (5f 207yd) 1, Obsidian Grey (S Sanders, 25-1); 2, Guv'nors Gift (9-1); 3, Ayr Raider (9-1). Doldrha Oyston 3-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Prairie Dawn. Sh hd, ¾l. B McMahon. Tote: £50.60; £13.20, £2.70, £3.80. DF: £138.60. CSF: £212.20

2.50 (5f 207yd) 1, Kilty's Filly (G Carter, 3-1); 2, Moccaton (12-1); 3, Noble Measure (33-1). Milbank Challenger 11-8 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 3½l. J Berry. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £2.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £30.45

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, Good For The Roses (G Carter, 9-1); 2, Habeta (100-30 fav); 3,



Piggott: in form with Brighton double

3.50 (5f) 1, Hill Farm Katie (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Parkside Lady (4-1); 3, Rocky Two (12-1). Paradise News 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: *Duchess Daisy, Walworth Lady.* 2½l, 2l. P Evans. Tote: £7.20; £1.10, £2.30, £3.60. DF: £16.90. CSF: £39.11. No bid

Neither Nor (9-1) 14 ran. 2½l, nk. M McCormack. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £1.80, £5.00. DF: £20.40. CSF: £37.11. Tricast £258.82

4.20 (5f) 1, Sobering Thoughts (M Humphries, 7-2 fav); 2, Strip Cartoon (6-1); 3, Lofi Boy (14-1). 11 ran. 1½l, ½l. J Eyre. Tote: £4.70; £1.10, £2.70, £6.90. DF: £13.20. CSF: £23.95. Tricast: £243.15

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, The Where Withal (G Duffield, 10-11 fav); 2, Challenger Row (6-1); 3, Buglet (11-4). 7 ran. 2l, 5l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.70; £1.90, £2.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.40

Placepot: £374.00.

Wednesday's late results

Cheltenham
Going: good to firm, firm in places

6.35 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 1-3 fav); 2, Knockumshin (7-2); 3, Crock-Na-Nee (14-1). 4 ran. 30l, 15l. R Wilkins. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.83

7.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Wild Illusion (Mr I McKie, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Blue Danube (14-1); 3, Richard Hunt (9-2). Gaelic Cherry 9-4 jt-fav. 11 ran. 2½l, 15l. Miss J Pidgeon. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £21.60. CSF: £30.50

7.45 (4m 1f ch) 1, Harley (Mr D McCain, 25-1); 2, Forest Ranger (8-1); 3, Uncle Reggy (6-1). Celtic Leisure 100-30 fav. 14 ran. NR: Tryumphant Lad. 12l, 11. Miss J Eaton. Tote: £47.90; £9.30, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £339.90.

8.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Sheer Jest (Mr A Hill, 2-7 fav); 2, Radio Cue (10-1); 3, Bee-Kay-Ess (50-1). 10 ran. NR: Trust The Gypsy. 5l, nk. W Warner. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £1.60, £8.00. DF: £4.00. CSF: £4.47

Placepot: £99.30.

Wetherby
Going: good to firm, firm in places

7.00 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Ushers Island (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2, Over The Stream (8-1); 3, Extra Grand (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Tammy My Girl, Kilcolgan Forest. 3½l, 2½l. J Johnson. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.40

7.30 (2m hdle) 1, Stay Awake (P Niven, 7-4 fav); 2, Beaucadeau (10-1); 3, Countorus (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Galaleen, Flowing River. Sh hd, 8l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.40, £4.10. DF: £13.10. CSF: £18.26. Tricast: £242.25.

8.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Palmrush (C Grant, 3-1 fav); 2, Hutner (7-1); 3, Charming Gale (7-1). 9 ran. 4l, 3½l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £6.10. CSF: £22.21. Tricast: £121.82

8.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Be My Habitat (Mr A Thornton, 9-1); 2, Beckley Fountain (33-1); 3, Brabiner Lad (10-1). 14 ran. New Charges 7-4 fav. NR: Staith Royal, It's The Pits, Tartan Tradewinds, Jupiter Moon, Man Of Mooreel, The Mega General. 5l, nk. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £18.00; £4.30, £4.00, £5.20. DF: £558.40. CSF: £235.10.

Placepot: £1,164.50.

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...one of France's ... jockeys, was killed yesterday ... Duchene, riding ... fell and suffered a crushed ... at the course tried in vain ...

...cancelled the remaining ... Duchene, 37, was under ... for leading owner Henri ... the 1991 Prix de l'Arc de ... Dancer.

Umpire absent as Test ruling is made

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ST JOHN'S, ANTIGUA

HEAVY overnight rain brought about the abandonment of the third Test match between West Indies and Pakistan here yesterday, and left West Indies as winners of the series and still champions of the world, as the boxing MCs say, by two matches to none.

The decision to call off the match, taken half an hour before the scheduled start, was not free from controversy in that it was reached without the knowledge of Steve Bucknell, one of the umpires. The captains and officials of the sides, the other umpire, Dickie Bird, and the match referee, Raman Subba Row, were agreed that the sensible course was to abandon the match. But Mr Bucknell was nowhere to be found and took some degree of umbrage when, soon afterwards, he was located in the press box.

It did seem a little surprising that a call for Bucknell was not made over the Tannoy. He was all smiles, though, by the time of the presentations, at which Desmond Haynes was made man of the series and Carl Hooper man of the match. Subba Row's unassuming yet useful role in the series had been appreciated by both sides, and if Bird's decision yesterday seemed a touch autocratic that, as everyone knows, is the last thing he is.

☐ The Test and County Cricket Board may decide to employ a third umpire in this season's Test matches with Australia if experiments in two Benson and Hedges Cup games prove successful, although dispensing with the use of red and green lights to indicate the third umpire's ruling in favour of a two-way radio link.

The experiment will start at the game between Surrey and Lancashire on Tuesday and will continue at a quarter-final match on May 25.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 438 (C L Hooper 178 not out, R B Richardson 52; Waqar Younis 5 for 105).

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out	64
P V Simmons b Waqar	17
*R B Richardson lbw b Waqar	0
B C Lara lbw b Waqar	19
K L T Arthurton lbw b Waqar	0
C L Hooper not out	29
Extras (b 8, lb 5, nb 11)	24
Total (4 wkts)	153

† J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh and A C Cummins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-38, 3-68, 4-68.

BOWLING: Wasim 10-2-30-0, Rehman 9-1-24-0; Nadim 14-0-48-0; Waqar 11-1-23-4; Mujtaba 4-1-9-0, Basit 1-0-6-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 326 (Inzamam-ul-Haq 123, Asif Mujtaba 59, Basit Ali 56; A C Cummins 4 for 54).

Umpires: H D Bird (sub. C Mack) and S U Bucknor.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Bound for the boundary: Moores, of Sussex, hits a four off Benjamin, of Surrey, at Hove, despite the efforts of a diving fielder

Bicknell emerges from shadows

BY JACK BAILEY

HOVE (first day of four: Sussex won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 176 runs behind Sussex

MARTIN Bicknell toured Australia with Graham Gooch's ill-starred team in 1990-1, since when he has sustained more than his fair share of injuries and while performing well for Surrey has done so largely in the shadow of Waqar Younis. Yesterday, he confirmed that he is still an opening bowler to be reckoned with by the England selectors. Admirably sustained and hostile bowling brought him six wickets for 43 runs as Surrey dismissed Sussex for 213 on a good pitch and took a firm grip on the game.

A more immediate England prospect, Ian Salisbury, stiffened the Sussex batting after the middle order had promised without delivering. Salisbury resisted while 149 balls were bowled at him and picked the ball to hit so judiciously that he scored nine fours in his 43. But it was Surrey's day and it was Bicknell's and, to a lesser extent, Benjamin's, as Sussex, for whom all but three batsmen reached double figures, were undone by good swing bowling.

If you did not know the heights and depths of which Sussex are capable, you might have thought that the day would be theirs when Smith and Wells were sailing along in mid-morning unbothered, the score at 72 for two wickets in spite of a dreadful start, the ball finding the middle of the bat more often than not. Even Bicknell, well though he had begun, was causing neither of these old hands to show more than cursory respect.

The fall of Lenham to a catch at third slip from an away swinger of full length from the sixth ball of the day was an early blow. Then Hall fell palpably leg-before with only 25 scored, Bicknell again being the bowler. But these had become fading memories as Smith and Wells took command.

Another case, we thought, of early morning conditions at Hove allowing good bowling to dominate early proceedings before the batsmen cashed in. Not a bit of it. First, the slow left-arm of Kendrick caused Wells to essay a cut with the ball too close to him for safety.

Wells was bowled, possibly off the inside edge. Worse followed. Smith had come as close to dictating to the bowling as anyone did all day, when Benjamin switched ends to bowl his first over downhill. Benjamin had laboured up the hill and into a sharp breeze. Now he showed his gratitude for the changing conditions by producing an absolute beauty with his first ball which bowled Smith, who was neither forward nor back.

Sussex were on the decline and only Salisbury was able to arrest it for any length of time. Stewart switched his bowling intelligently. Boiling bowled well, conceding only two runs from his nine overs; Kendrick was full of verve, always looking for something to happen. But it was Bicknell, continually finding movement away from the right-handed batsman through the air and occasionally bringing one back off the wicket, who did the damage.

Odd pockets of resistance sprang up, but, before Salisbury, not for long. Moores and Speight played themselves in before falling victims to good away swingers. Stephenson did likewise, but played one eccentric stroke too many, which led to his being leg-before.

Field day for Curran against former team

OLD habits die hard. Although four days are now allowed for all county championship matches, Northamptonshire and Gloucestershire, both beaten in their opening games, made batting look so difficult at Northampton yesterday that, barring interference from the weather, there is unlikely to be any cricket left for Monday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Gloucestershire fell foul of their former all-rounder, Kevin Curran, who took five for 38, as they were bowled out for 107 while Northamptonshire, scoring at less than two runs an over, struggled in turn to reach 105 for four, Alan Fordham falling just before the close for a painstaking 54.

The Edgbaston script was following a similar course — Warwickshire dismissed for 192 and Derbyshire in the toils at 20 for two — before Chris Adams, on his 23rd birthday, and John Morris upped the tempo considerably by adding 50 in six overs. Adams hit seven fours from the first 24 balls he faced. Their invigorating third-wicket partnership was worth 123 by the close when Derbyshire were only 49 behind.

Nothing as remotely exciting occurred at Leicester, where the home county took all day to score 219 against a Nottinghamshire attack lacking the services of Chris Lewis, who has a groin strain, even though Briers and Boon had provided a sound start by putting on 70.

Jason Gallian, their captain, made 83, his highest score of the season, as Oxford University achieved a minor triumph by taking a first-innings lead of 61 over Hampshire in the Parks. But Cambridge fell 126 short of Glamorgan's first innings at Fenner's, despite another sound display from their captain, John Crawley, and a maiden half-century from Russell Cake, a hockey blue.

Byas has day to remember

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELMSFORD (first day of four, Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 353 for eight wickets against Essex

IF DAVID Byas swung from the chandeliers last night, and led the Yorkshire team on a conga through the lanes of Essex, only a churl would call him to account. In making a career-best 156 he may never again play better, unlike his team-mates who threw away the advantage his skill had earned with the gladdest of hands.

In the final hour, Essex showed their champions' colours. Despite a draining afternoon they found the resources to capture four cheap wickets as Yorkshire were mentally in the dressing-room, commending themselves for a job well done. Three of them went in the space of five balls to the deserving Ilott.

On paper, Byas has no great claim to a regular place in the top six. At the age of 29 he has passed 1,000 runs in a season only once and with Richie Richardson due to arrive on Monday, Byas, like Metcalfe, had need of runs, and soon, to advertise his value.

How widely their paths diverged yesterday. Metcalfe was dismissed in Foster's second over; Byas batted with considerable charm before he drove Malik to short midwicket, where Hussain held the sort of blinding catch which frequently acts as a trigger for the fielding side.

Just by being on the field Hussain had done well. When he was 33, Byas pulled a long hop from Childs into his head at silly mid-on. His writhing did not make pleasant watching but the helmet did its job and he was out in the field again after tea.

Byas added 126 with Kellett for the second wicket, 80 with White and another 80 with Blakey, whose departure four runs short of a half-century deprived Yorkshire of the chance of putting a truly testing score on the board.

Byas took easily to Childs in particular, going to his century with two poetic drives, straight and through mid-on. His sails nicely filled, he then drove Such for six and mistreated Foster so vigorously that Gooch was compelled to recall the left-arm spinner.

Had Such been a pace further back at fine leg he might have held a top-edged hook. Certainly Foster felt so and his anger prompted two short balls which the batsman pulled witheringly for four and six. Confident to the point of abandon, he perished when a double century before stumps might have been his.

Yorkshire, led by Jarvis in place of Moxon, whose wife delivered a baby son on Wednesday, have a good recent record in a fixture which has, with the exception of a washout, produced a win one way or another in every match since 1984. Batty and Stemp, the spinners who contributed to the thrashing of Lancashire, face a searching test in the fourth innings.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Essex v Yorkshire

CHELMSFORD *(first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 353 for eight wickets against Essex*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

S A Kellett c Garnham b Such	52
A A Metcalfe lbw b Foster	5
D Byas c Hussain b Salim Malik	156
C White c Gooch b Foster	31
†R J Blakey c Garnham b Pringle	46
A P Grayson b Ilott	30
*P W Jarvis c Garnham b Ilott	1
D Gough not out	0
J D Batty c Pringle b Ilott	4
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 6, nb 6)	28
Total (8 wkts, 112 overs)	353

R D Stemp and M A Robinson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-137, 3-217, 4-297, 5-342, 6-348, 7-349, 8-353.

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, N A Foster, M C Ilott, P M Such and J H Childs.

Bonus points: Essex 3, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater.

Warwickshire v Derbyshire

EDGBASTON *(first day of four: Warwickshire won toss).* Derbyshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 49 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Adams b Griffith	15
R G Twose c Cork b Griffith	26
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Griffith	8
D P Ostler lbw b Warner	57
T L Penney lbw b Cork	15
*D A Reeve b Malcolm	16
N M K Smith c Bowler b Warner	18
†K J Piper not out	14
G C Small b Warner	4
A A Donald c Barnett b Warner	1
T A Munton lbw b Cork	2
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 10)	15
Total (77.1 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-44, 3-86, 4-96, 5-134, 6-169, 7-183, 8-175, 9-185.

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-4-29-1, Cork 12.1-2-32-2; Warner 21-3-54-4; Griffith 9-1-32-3; Bladdin 21-5-42-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Reeve b Donald	8
P D Bowler c Piper b Small	8
J E Morris not out	64
C J Adams not out	52
Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 4)	11
Total (2 wkts, 37 overs)	143

T J G O'Gorman, F A Griffith, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, A E Warner, D E Malcolm and R W Sladdin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-20.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 0, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE *(first day of three: Sussex won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 176 runs behind Sussex*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Thorpe b M P Bicknell	0
J W Hall lbw b M P Bicknell	12
D M Smith b Benjamin	32
*A P Wells b Kendrick	26
M P Speight c Kendrick b M P Bicknell	25
†P Moores c Stewart b M P Bicknell	24
F D Stephenson lbw b Benjamin	28
I D K Salisbury lbw b Benjamin	43
A C S Pigott c Stewart b M P Bicknell	11
E E Hemmings c Lynch b M P Bicknell	2
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 8)	18
Total (94.1 overs)	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-25, 3-72, 4-72, 5-108, 6-133, 7-152, 8-198, 9-200

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 25-11-43-6, Benjamin 22.1-7-64-3; Murphy 23-6-61-0; Kendrick 15-5-33-1, Boiling 9-8-2-0

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out	8
M A Lynch not out	29
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 12 overs)	37

*A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, A D Brown, D M Ward, J Boiling, M P Bicknell, N M Kendrick, J E Benjamin and A J Murphy to bat.

Bonus points: Sussex 1, Surrey 4.

Umpires: G Sharp and P B Wight.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER *(first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 219 against Nottinghamshire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Pollard b Afford	46
*N E Briers run out	53
J J Whitaker c Crawley b Cairns	11
P E Robinson c French b Pennett	17
B F Smith b Cairns	0
L Potter c Pollard b Pennett	32
V J Wells st French b Field-Buss	1
†P A Nixon c Crawley b Afford	11
G J Parsons run out	4
A R K Pierson c French b Cairns	1
A D Mullally not out	11
Extras (lb 19, nb 10)	29
Total (108.2 overs)	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-89, 3-133, 4-134, 5-156, 6-158, 7-195, 8-197, 9-199.

BOWLING: Pick 18-5-44-0; Cairns 21.2-3-50-3; Pennett 25-10-42-2; Afford 29-13-44-2; Field-Buss 13-6-20-1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: P R Pollard, D W Randall, *R T Robinson, M A Crawley, G F Archer, D B Pennett, C L Cairns, †B N French, R A Pick, M G Field-Buss and J A Afford.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 1, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S *(first day of three: Kent won toss): Middlesex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 249 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c and b Feltham	10
*M R Benson b Tufnell	57
N R Taylor c Roseberry b Feltham	42
N J Llong c Brown b Williams	18
G R Cowdrey b Tufnell	1
M V Fleming c Carr b Williams	57
†S A Marsh lbw b Tufnell	24
R P Davis c Emburey b Williams	2
C Penn b Emburey	22
M J McCague st Brown b Tufnell	5
A P Igglesden not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 12, nb 12)	27
Total (106.4 overs)	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-109, 3-119, 4-121, 5-186, 6-199, 7-207, 8-250, 9-260.

BOWLING: Feltham 16-5-49-2; Fraser 15-5-24-0; Emburey 30-9-80-1; Williams 13.2-33-3, Tufnell 26.4-9-64-4; Keech 6-1-20-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry not out	6
M Keech not out	5
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (no wkts, 7 overs)	16

M R Ramprakash, *J D Carr, J C Pooley, †K R Brown, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, N F Williams and P C R Tufnell to bat.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Kent 2.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss). Northamptonshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are two runs behind Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Ripley b Curran	13
S G Hinks c Ripley b Taylor	10
R J Scott b Taylor	11
M W Alleyne b Capel	4
*A J Wright c Ripley b Curran	28
T H C Hancock c Bailey b Curran	4
†R C Russell c Cook b Capel	2
R M Wight lbw b Curran	4
A M Smith not out	8
M Davies c Lamb b Curran	3
K E Cooper b Capel	15
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (49.3 overs)	107

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-32, 4-55, 5-57, 6-70, 7-80, 8-80, 9-90

BOWLING: Taylor 14-8-22-2; Curran 15-6-38-5; Capel 11.3-5-15-3; Cook 7-3-16-0, Roberts 2-0-11-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Cooper	54
N A Felton lbw b Davies	25
R J Bailey b Davies	0
*A J Lamb c Davies b Smith	8
M B Loye not out	16
D J Capel not out	0
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (4 wkts, 57 overs)	105

K M Curran, A R Roberts, †D Ripley, J P Taylor and N G B Cook to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-62, 3-82, 4-99

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Gloucestershire 1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD *(first day of four; Durham won toss): Durham have scored 330 for two wickets against Lancashire*

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler c Hegg b DeFreitas	49
W Larkins lbw b Chapple	76
P W G Parker not out	85
P Bainbridge not out	79
Extras (b 9, lb 6, nb 26)	41
Total (2 wkts., 110 overs)	330

J A Daley, I T Botham, M P Briers, †C W Scott, J Wood, *D A Graveney and S J E Brown to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-161.

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, M A Atherton, N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, P A J DeFreitas, M Watkinson, P J Martin, G Chapple and A A Barnett.

Bonus points: Lancashire 0, Durham 3.

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead

Other matches

Cambridge University v Glamorgan

FENNER'S *(second day of three): Glamorgan, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 172 runs ahead of Cambridge University*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings: 298 for 8 dec (R D B Croft 107, H Morris 54; BOWLING: Haste 15-1-41-0; Charlesworth 21-5-51-2; Pearson 25-9-59-2; Pilcher 17-3-58-2, Whittall 23-3-77-2)

Second Innings

C P Metson b Charlesworth	25
D L Hemp not out	14
P A Cottey not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 1)	4
Total (1 wkt)	46

FALL OF WICKET: 1-31.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*J P Crawley lbw b Lefebvre	48
G W Jones c Lefebvre b Croft	24
M E D Jarrett b Barwick	5
R Cake not out	57
G M Charlesworth lbw b Lefebvre	0
J P Carroll c Metson b Croft	1
†J P Arscott c Lefebvre b Watkin	8
N J Haste b Watkin	0
C M Pilcher c Maynard b Watkin	18
A R Whittall c Morris b Barwick	1
R M Pearson lbw b Watkin	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7)	11
Total	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-54, 3-83, 4-93, 5-102, 6-111, 7-112, 8-162, 9-171.

BOWLING: Watkin 21-8-38-4; Lefebvre 15-4-31-2; Barwick 22-5-39-2; Croft 25-13-39-2; Dale 5-1-15-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and T E Jesty.

Oxford University v Hampshire

THE PARKS *(second day of three). Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Oxford University*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings: 169 (M C J Nicholas 62; M Jeh 5 for 63)

Second Innings

V P Terry not out	11
Extras (w 1, nb 2)	3
Total (no wkt)	27

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte lbw b Udal	29
J E R Gallian st Aymes b Turner	83
G I MacMillan c sub b Turner	30
C L Keey run out	0
H Malik lbw b Udal	23
E Fowler b Udal	9
R Oliphant-Callum c Aymes b Jean-Jacques	5
C Lyons b Shine	8
R Yeabsley c Aymes b James	26
M Jeh not out	5
R H MacDonald not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 2)	8
Total (9 wkts dec)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-121, 3-126, 4-156, 5-177, 6-182, 7-192, 8-204, 9-225.

BOWLING: Shine 16-6-41-1; Jean-Jacques 21-6-45-1; Ayling 15-7-13-0; James 13-5-20-1; Turner 25-11-43-2; Udal 28-7-82-3.

Umpires: D J Constant and M K Reed.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucester 271 (G D Hodgson 73) and 40 for 1; Surrey 292 (N F Sargeant 80, I J Ward 54, A M Babington 5-66)

Cardiff: Glamorgan 240 (J P J Sylvester 66, A L Penberthy 4-25) and 17 for no wkt; Northamptonshire 388 for 8 dec (S Fleming 85, A L Penberthy 99, W M Noon 103 not out; G Roberts 4-95).

Harrow: Sussex 277 (C W J Athey 87, K Greenfield 55, C C Remy 52; N G Cowans 4-50) and 48 for 3; Middlesex 358 (R J Sims 213; J A North 4-53).

Headingley: Essex 264 (A G J Fraser 84, D D J Robinson 62) and 79 for 4; Yorkshire 262 for 7 dec (M P Vaughan 77).

Ilkeston: Warwickshire 340 for 8 dec (M A Din 91, P A Smith 60) and 136 for 1 (Din 80 not out). Derbyshire 223 (A Roseberry 66, M A V Bell 4-47).

Trent Bridge: Worcestershire 248 for 9 dec and 90 for 1 (M J Weston 57 not out), Nottinghamshire 267 for 6 dec (R T Bates 100 not out, M Saxelby 98).

☐ Chris Lewis, Nottinghamshire's England all-rounder who is missing the championship match with Leicestershire, his former county, because of a groin strain expects to be fit for the AXA Equity & Law League game against the same opponents on Sunday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hill agonises over grand prix plans

DAMON Hill, the British successor to Nigel Mansell at the Williams-Renault Formula One motor racing team, spent yesterday agonising over his tactics for Sunday's Spanish grand prix, torn, like a young gunfighter, between making a run for cover or coming out with all guns blazing (Oliver Holt writes). Thus far, his season has fluctuated between premature failure and admirable, controlled success, but just as it seemed the caution induced by his early demise in South Africa had been banished by two fine second places, the spin at Imola a fortnight ago appears to have confused matters.

In the early afternoon, Hill was at pains to point out that he was intent merely on finishing the race. "From the moment the lights change, my prime objective will be to get the car across the line at the end," he said. "That may mean having to concede a little in the early parts of the race." But later he was saying: "I realise Formula One needs competition. Nobody wants to see formation driving and it is up to me to be more aggressive and give Prost a battle. If I get the chance to overtake him, I will grab it."

Edberg defeated

TENNIS: Stefan Edberg's new-found confidence on clay was undermined yesterday when he was beaten in the third round of the German Open. The top seed and defending champion went down 6-4, 7-6 to Emilio Sánchez, of Spain, the No 16 seed. Boris Becker, the second seed, also came a cropper, losing 6-2, 6-4 to his compatriot, Bernd Karbacher. Becker was unable to overcome his opponent's steady game from the baseline. In four tournaments since his comeback from a seven-week break through injury and illness, Becker has won only two matches.

Richard Krajicek, the seventh seed from Holland, reached the quarter-finals by beating Jaime Oncins, of Brazil, 6-2, 6-4. Horatio de la Peña, of Argentina, a qualifier, advanced to the same stage by beating Francisco Clavet, of Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

England's challenge

HOCKEY: The England women's team will try to redress the balance after a disappointing display at the Home Countries championships two weeks ago in the first of two training matches against Spain, the Olympic champions, in Madrid today. England will field a stronger side than in Cardiff with the return of Jane Sixsmith, Sandie Lister and Kathy Johnson, all Olympic bronze medal-winners. There are still world cup places at stake as the manager, Jenny Cardwell, and Sue Slocombe, the coach, prepare the nucleus of the side they will take to Dublin next year. Cardwell is hoping the return of the more experienced players will settle the team, but one setback is an injury to Sally Gibson, who scored England's only goal of the tournament in Cardiff.

Monie says farewell



RUGBY LEAGUE: John Monie, right, Wigan's departing coach, hopes to say farewell to a packed Central Park tonight by maintaining the club's ambition of a fifth trophy this season and the game's first grand slam when they entertain Castleford in the first Stones Bitter premiership semi-final. Denis Betts, Andy Platt and Joe Lydon will be absent from the Wigan team because of injury.

Doldrums left behind

YACHTING: The British Steel Challenge fleet broke free of a week in the doldrums yesterday and is beating into welcome northeasterly winds towards the Cape Verde Islands. Richard Merriweather and his Commercial Union crew have maintained their No 1 position but saw their lead over the second-placed Nuclear Electric reduced to 15 miles overnight. Mike Golding, the skipper of the fourth-placed Group 4 Securitas, reported that the fleet was brought to life by a sudden 45-knot squall. The yachts all report a heavy covering of red sand. The sun looks like the moon and remains red even two hours after sunrise.

Six-game ban for Eyres

RUGBY LEAGUE: Richard Eyres, only the second player to be sent off in a Challenge Cup final, was banned for six games yesterday, forfeiting his chance of playing with the Canberra Raiders or Manly-Warringah in Australia this summer. The Widnes and Great Britain second-row forward was dismissed for elbowing Martin Offiah, of Wigan, in the face at Wembley last Saturday. He is considering an appeal against the suspension by the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee. The Widnes coach, Phil Larder, who accompanied Eyres, 26, to the hearing in Leeds, said: "I thought it was a pretty bad incident. It was out of character."

Hendry increases lead

SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry, right, who retained the world championship in Sheffield on Monday, has increased his lead at the top of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association rankings for the 1993-94 season. The leading four is unchanged with John Parrott in second place, Jimmy White in third and Steve Davis in fourth. James Wattana moves from seventh to fifth.

Sky lines up title bout

BOXING: Sky Sports yesterday announced it had secured the rights to screen exclusive live coverage of the projected heavyweight title bout between Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion, and Frank Bruno. Sky has dubbed the contest "The Battle of Britain", which will be staged in mid-September if Lewis wins his mandatory defence against Tony Tucker, of the United States, tomorrow. The satellite television company will also provide live coverage of the three-match rugby union series between Australia and South Africa in July and August, as well as the Bledisloe Cup match between the All Blacks and Australia.

Taylor backs scheme

FOOTBALL: Graham Taylor, the England manager, yesterday offered his support for the Football Association's latest initiative to get youngsters involved in the game. The Coca-Cola mini-soccer scheme is aimed at children aged under 11, with centres set up around the country at football clubs, schools and youth clubs to run the operation. The centres will be able to buy two mini-goals and a set of bibs so games can be organised on small pitches. "This will be a throwback to the time when we used to throw down our coats and have a game," Taylor said. "It is not aimed at competition and winning trophies."

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with *Paul Burden*, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (69736)
7.00 Breakfast News (88308692)
9.05 A Word in your Ear. Verbal communication game between two teams of celebrities (s) (4946129)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit Penzance, in Cornwall (s) (2588262)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5720216) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4595216)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Live magazine programme (62671129)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Music and conversation introduced by Judi Spiers (s) (2314804)
12.45 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Review of the morning's events (s) (21018200)
12.55 Regional News and weather. (18307113)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather. (Ceefax) (10397)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (70613552) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (25000552)

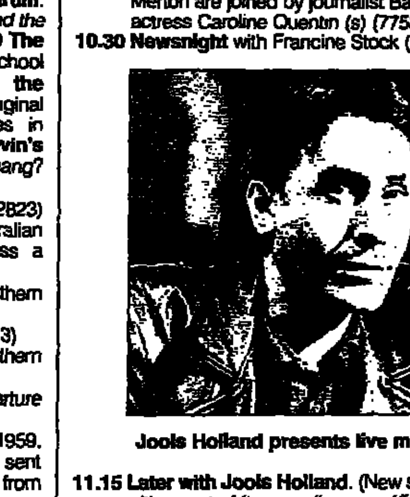


Medics: Justin Gaffney, Lenore Smith (2.20pm)

2.20 The Flying Doctors. Two strangers seek a bed for *the night (s) (2517303)*
3.05 Turnabout. Wordpower quiz Curling (s) (3185620)
3.35 Cartoon. (5338991) **3.45 Bananaman**. *House on* Hangman's Hill (r) (4393674) **3.50 Harum Scarum**. *Mucky Moose* by Jonathan Allen, and *Katie and the Dinosaurs* by James Mayhew (4218939) **4.00 The Chipmunks**. Alvin finds he is due to fight the school bully (r) (2172769) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates**. Series based on J. M. Barrie's original novel *Peter and Wendy*, about adventures in Neverland (Ceefax) (s) (5347020) **4.35 Kevin's Cousins**. Will Kevin let the cousins join the gang? (r). (2478910)
5.00 Newsround. News for children (8572823) **5.05 Round The Twist**. Twelve-part Australian comedy. Gribbie, Rabbit, and Tiger witness a gruesome sight (Ceefax) (s) (4347303)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (273113). Northern Ireland: Election Forum
6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather. (Ceefax) (113)
6.30 Regional news magazines (465). Northern Ireland: neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. Everyone celebrates Joy's departure except Trish, who is away (Ceefax) (s) (1649)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). The year 1959, when Fidel Castro took over Cuba, America sent monkeys into space, and the Dalai Lama fled from Tibet (r). (Ceefax) (649)
8.00 Casualty. A hit-and-run victim is admitted to the ward (r). (Ceefax) (s) (580113)
8.50 Points Of View. Anne Robinson with viewers' *comments (Ceefax) (s) (852552)*
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (7858)
9.30 The Riff Raff Element. Preparations are under way for the wedding of Roger Tundish and his faithful assistant Phoenix (940533). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
10.20 Bangkok Hilton starring Nicole Kidman, Denholm Elliott. The conclusion of the drama set in Thailand and Hal Stanton makes plans to spring his daughter from the Bangkok prison (Ceefax) (50075736). *Wales. For Men Only 11.00-1.10 Bangkok Hilton;* Northern Ireland: The Riff Raff Element 11.10-*1.10am Film: At Close Range*
12.30am Weather (3844514)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (5486587) **8.00 Breakfast News**. (6213649) **8.15 Westminster** (2011552)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Movable Feasts (7457858) **9.15** Inside English (3821610) **9.30** Help Your Child with *Reading* (2804755) ***9.45** Watch (2892910)* ***10.00*** Sex Education (5620858) **10.20** Stop and Think *(6061269)* ***10.40*** *West Africa (9949197)* ***11.00*** Ghostwriter (2736) **11.30** Shakespeare. The Animated Tales (3465) **12.00** English File (76804) **12.30** Scene (25668) **1.00** Good Sport (84903397) **1.20** Postman Pat (75019736) **1.35** Pinney's House (85607736) **1.40** Tutorial Topics (85791129) **1.50** The Great Picture Trail (85617113)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (r) (12412533)
2.15 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (15177571)
2.20 Golf: *Benson and Hedges International Open* from St Mellion, Cornwall. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (82746910)
5.30 Top Gear. Classic and Sportscar Show from the NEC (r) (s) (842)
6.00 Film: The Diamond Queen (1953) starring Fernando Lamas, Arlene Dahl, Gilbert Roland, Sheldon Leonard, Jay Novello, Michael Ansara. Two 17th-century adventurers travel to India to seek a blue diamond for the crown of King Louis XIV. Directed by John Brahm (8431939)
7.20 Dr Who (r). (Ceefax) (226668)
7.45 What the Papers Say presented by Vitaly Vitaliev of *The European* (351151)
8.00 Public Eye. On the eve of National Fertility Week Debi Davies talks to families in Britain and America who are determined to end the secrecy about insemination by anonymous donors (8939)
8.30 Gardeners' World. This week: shaded areas, fern varieties, the cook's garden, and ornamental grasses. (Ceefax) (s) (3674)
9.00 The Real McCoy. See Choice (5200)
9.30 Measure for Measure. (Teletext) See Choice (97084)
10.00 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent topical quiz, *hosted by Angus Deayton. Ian Hislop and Paul* Merton are joined by journalist Baz Bamigboye and actress Caroline Quentin (s) (77533)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (716259)



Jools Holland presents live music (11.15pm)

11.15 Later with Jools Holland. (New series) Live music with guests Minneapolis gospel/funk choir, Queen of indie rock P J Harvey, country star Vince Gill, and Alice in Chains from Seattle (s) (130649). Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45 Later with Jools Holland
12.05am Weather. (9890430)
12.10 Rock Docs: Rod the Mod Has Come of Age. Rod Stewart is the subject of the first in a series of rock star profiles (6033021). Ends at **1.30**. Wales 12.40-1.55 Rock Docs

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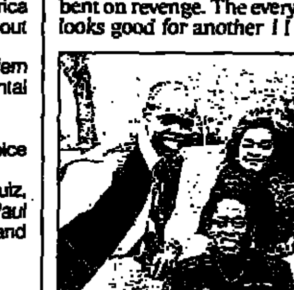
CHOICE

Measure for Measure: Length
BBC2, 9.30pm

A product of the BBC's education department. *Measure for Measure* wears its teaching lightly. We cannot fail to learn from this light-hearted survey of our impulse to measure but nor can we fail to be diverted in the process. Guided by the voice of Brian Glover and an actor, Justin Case, who turns up as more than 40 characters, the series is an imaginatively presented mix of fascinating facts, oddball people and trips into history. Tonight the inch and the yard and the mile and metre are the cue for visits to ancient Greece and Egypt, a peer who gets *mysteriously run* out playing cricket and the man with the biggest pair of feet in Britain. And if you thought a stadium was always a sporting arena, then think again.

Brookside
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Tonight's edition of the 11-year-old soap is one those audience-grabbing specials with an explosive cliff-hanger. To even hint at what it is would wreck the exercise so I will simply predict that no one is likely to switch off before the end. The impression is that *Brookside* seems to have softened its former desire to use a soap format to air the troubles of the world and has settled instead for the basic human frailties. Troubled *marriages are much in evidence at the* moment, what with Max and Trish at odds over his ex, Ron cheating on his ailing missus and wife-beater Trevor turning up like a man who is just out of jail and bent on revenge. The everyday story of Merseyside folk looks good for another 11 years at least.



Sketchy humour: black comedians (BBC2, 9.00pm)

The Real McCoy
BBC2, 9.00pm

The showcase for Britain's black comedians is back for *a new season and kicks off in excellent form. Such an* enterprise risks being judged for the wrong reasons. Praise can seem patronising, criticism a step away from racism. There is also the danger of putting black humour into a ghetto. The ultimate test is whether you find it funny. Sketch shows are by their nature uneven, but tonight's hits far outweigh the misses. There is a tendency to go for easy targets, as in the parody of *EastEnders*, as well as an uncertainty about whether to go *for specifically ethnic jokes. Perhaps the show* should be bolder, for a sketch based on the idea that John Major and Bill Clinton are really black men pretending to be whites is one of the sharpest.

Clive Anderson Talks Back
Channel 4, 10.30pm

Chat shows tend to be heaped with derision and deservedly so, for why should already rich and famous be given free air time to plug their new books, songs and films? Clive Anderson usually escapes such censure. This is not because his guests are free of the plugging habit but more because Anderson is seen as witty and clever and disinclined to play the celebrity game. In any case the star is Anderson himself and the *guests are mainly there to feed his jokes. If his humour is your humour*, then he is the host for you. If you find him tediously smug there are other channels to choose from. On tonight's show are the rock band Meatloaf, the politician Roy Hattersley and the journalist and broadcaster Anne Robinson. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Live morning show (6321216)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. With Lennie Bennett (s) (1880533)
9.55 Regional news and weather (Teletext) (4408736)
10.00 The Time... The Place... Daily discussion (4572755)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series. *(Teletext) (62592668)*
12.10 Tots TV. (s) (2721213)
12.30 ITN News and weather. (Teletext) (8554129)
1.05 Regional news and weather. (Teletext) (75107945)
1.15 Home and Away Adam moves in and Greg is shocked (Teletext) (s) (654668)
1.45 A Country Practice Frank and Shirley have an unwanted house guest from Bali (653939)
2.15 Life Goes On. Corky meets a special girl. (5651129)
3.10 News headlines (3049026)
3.15 London Today. *(Teletext) (3046397)*
3.20 Blockbusters Fast-moving quiz for teenagers. *With Bob Holness (s) (8157533)*
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (4128007) **3.55 Grotbags**. The Revenge of Hogzilla (r) (s) (5907264) **4.15 Talespin**. Disney show (s) (5547228) **4.40 Press Gang**. Drama series set in a newspaper office (Teletext) (s) (1795571)
5.10 Home and Away. (r). (Teletext) (4268842)
5.40 News and weather. (Teletext) (890939)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a feature on the *increase in male secretaries. (Teletext) (20113)*
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Comedy quiz hosted by Bob Monkhouse. Guests include Tom O'Connor, Gorden Kaye, Linda Lusardi, Alan Titchmarsh and Frank Bruno (s) (2945)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (945)
8.00 Conjugal Rites starring Gwen Taylor and Michael *Williams. Barry feels sidelined as Gen's legal work* takes up her time Comedy series about a mature couple reassessing their marriage (5465)
8.30 The Gingerbread Girl. Linda cannot understand why Kerry is being so naughty. Comedy series starring Janet Dibley (s) (7200)



Romance? Karen Archer, David Hunt (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief. Assistant Chief Constable Anne Stewart's devotion to her career wrecked her marriage. Can she find romance with finance officer David Kendal? (Teletext) (s) (7939)
10.00 News at Ten and weather. (77587)
10.30 Regional news. (724007)
10.40 The London Programme. A look at the problem of persistent juvenile offenders (208378)
11.10 Beverly Hills, 90210 *Cult American teen drama.* The gang is lured to the local underground club scene, but *experimenting with drink and drugs* leads to trouble (Teletext) (s) (142484)
12.05 The ITV Chart Show. Latest video hits (s) (7016040)
1.05 Whale On. Music and a discussion on what to do about hair loss (7553311)
2.10 American Gladiators. Competition between super-fit contestants and *professional athletes* (5620156)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Latest movie news from Hollywood (6265408)
3.50 Austin City Limits. New country music (9213750)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series. Chloe meets a handsome stranger (97798)
5.30 News (81971)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American TV comedy (35397)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon cat and dog battles (r). (8522620)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Chris Evans, Gaby Roslin, Paula Yates. With chat, news, weather and travel (93620)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Fast-moving quiz with Bill Cosby (s) (81736)
9.30 Schools. (462587)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Goings-on in Parliament and its committees. With Anne Perkins (94200)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning about P, W and 14 (r) (30991)
1.30 Chicken Minute. Puppet fun in the swamp with Mudbelly and friends (r) (s). (19007)
2.00 Film: *The Golden Salamander* (1949, b/w). Thriller starring Trevor Howard, Anouk Aimée, Herbert Lom, *Wilfrid Hyde-White. An archaeologist becomes* involved with gun-runners while collecting antiques in North Africa. Directed by Ronald Neame (427571)
3.45 Horsey Mail. Post Office film about delivering mail by boat to the Norfolk village of Horsey (r). (4204736)
3.55 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson's series on vegetables (r). (Teletext) (2578668)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Knock-out quiz game with William *G Stewart (Teletext) (s). (858)*
5.00 Naked Sport: Fields of Blood. Crises at the Dallas Cowboys football team (r). (Teletext) (9858)
6.00 Blossom Blossom and Six manage to wreck Nick's car and Buzz wants to marry a woman he has just met (s). (823)
6.30 Happy Days American comedy. Chachi decides to *check out his mother's new boyfriend without letting* on (Teletext) (r). (303)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather (285620)
7.50 First Reaction. Controversial views on the arts (s). (454129)
8.00 Europe Express. Reports from inside Europe. This week: success at Szczecin shipyards; the threat to French popular culture; American artist Christo's *plan to wrap the Reichstag. (Teletext) (3007)*
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s). See Choice (5642)
9.00 Grow Your Greens Sophie Grigson finds out how to grow tasty oriental greens, ruby chards and cauliflowers. (Teletext) (7668)
9.30 Cheers starring Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley. A risky bet in the bar on St Patrick's Night threatens to *become a serious embarrassment to the losers.* (Teletext) (s). (23200)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy series starring Rosanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (75129)



Feedback: star turn Clive Anderson (10.30pm)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back (s). See Choice (116295)
11.10 Film: *Maximum Overdrive* *(1986) starring* Emilio Estevez. A mysterious force triggered by a rogue comet close to Earth gives mechanical objects a malevolent life of their own. Director: Stephen King (s) (892198)
1.00am It's Showtime at the Apollo. Rap star LL Cool J introduces hopeful acts from the Apollo Theater Harlem (r). (1335866) Ends at **11.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young *Doctors (8157533)* ***5.10-5.40*** *The Munsters* Today 4268842) **6.00** Home and Away (281) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (618129) **10.45** Anglia Live (869303) **11.45** Love and War (320945) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (7032088) **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) **4.00** Sportsworld (55359) **4.30** Riviera (17040) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97798)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45 Challenge (653939) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5651129) **3.20-3.50** GP (8157533) **6.00** *Lookaround (281)* **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (533) **10.40** The Forum (208378) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (871484) **12.10-*1.05*** *The War of the Worlds (7032088)* **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) **4.00** Sportsworld (55359) **4.30** Riviera (17040) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97798)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (654668) **1.45** Home and Away (653939) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (4817002) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8157533) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4268842) **6.00** Home and Away (472945) **6.25-7.00** Central News (618129) **10.40** Crime Stalker (208378) **11.10** Film: He's Not Your Son (670113) **12.55** Whale On (9407427) **1.55** The Beat (8283682) **2.55** Entertainment UK (9834601) **3.55** Night Shift (74901137)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (654668) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (653939) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4268842) **6.00** Home and Away (281) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (533) **10.40** Love and War (208378) **11.10** Juice (185194) **11.40** The War of the Worlds (487194) **12.35-1.05** Married with Children (3239330) **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) **4.00-4.30** Sportsworld (55359)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Fashion File (653939) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5651129) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8157533) **6.00** HTV News (281) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (533) **10.40** Brewhouse Jazz (208378) **11.10** Married...with Children (185194) **11.40-1.05** Film: The House That Would Not Die (777939) **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) ***4.00*** *Sportsworld (55359)* **4.30** Riviera (17040) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97798)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.40** Swansea Festival

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15 Grass Roots (638620) **2.45-3.10** Maternal World (5233007) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8157533) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (20113) **10.40** *Film: Joe Kidd (1647620)* **12.05-1.05** Ringo Starr and His All Star Band (7016040) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9157088) **2.35** Raw Power (9811750) **3.35** Cue the Music (1564359) **4.30-5.00** Zorro

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Target Risk (6653620) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8157533) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (284571) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (533) ***10.40*** *The Warehouse (119642)* ***11.40-1.05*** Film: Cat Creature (777939) **2.05** The Big E (4843048) **3.00** Film: Dead End (733069) **4.40** Get Wet (13536446) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone (9543243)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (20113) **10.40** Kelly (6254736) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (7032088) **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) **4.00** Sportsworld (55359) **4.30** Riviera (17040) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (653939) **2.15** The Sullivans (638620) **2.45-*3.10*** *Gardener's Diary (5233007)* ***3.20-3.50*** A Country Practice (8157533) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (20113) **10.40** Crime Stalker (208378) **11.15-1.05** Film: The War of the Worlds — Resurrection (669197) **2.05** Raw Power (7893363) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7155137) **4.00** Sportsworld (55359) **4.30** Riviera (17040) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: *1.45-3.10* *Film: Target* Risk (6653620) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8157533) **5.55** Calendar (284571) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (533) **10.40** The Warehouse (119642) **11.40-1.05** Film: Cat Creature (777939) **2.05** The Big E (4843048) **3.00** Film: Dead End (733069)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (93620) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (81736) **9.30** Ysgolion *(462587)* ***12.00*** *The Parliament Programme* (94200) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (10736) **1.00** Little Rosey (16197) **1.30** Blossom (19007) **2.00** Maiden Voyage (6571) **2.30** Film: Morning Departure (20537133) **4.25** Slot 23 (7074991) **5.00** Fifteen to One (7823) **5.30** Brookside (910) **6.00** Newyddion (743465) **6.10** Heno (825804) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2277) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (587) **8.00** Goreuon Awyrnach (3007) **8.30** Newyddion (962858) **8.55** Sedsa I Swper (104705) **9.30** *San Steffan (362113)* ***9.45*** *He Play/She Play* (635571) **10.00** Roseanne (75129) **10.30** Clive Anderson (116295) **11.10-1.00** Film: *Maximum Overdrive (892198)*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46587587) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4491194) **9.10** Cartoons (6455939) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (58910) **10.00** Card Sharks (8197129) **10.25** *Dynamo Duck (3817638)* ***10.30*** *Concentration* (27552) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (65736) **11.30** Falcon Crest (21910) **12.30pm** E Street (69026) **1.00** Another World (8692945) **1.45** Santa Barbara (284823) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (960026) **3.15** Different Strokes (378216) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3736264) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (2910) **6.00** Games World (6842) **6.30** E Street (7194) **7.00** Rescue (3769) **7.30** Family Ties (3378) **8.00** V (90910) **9.00** *WWF Superstars of Wrestling (83674)* **10.00** Code 3 (19533) **10.30** Star Trek. The Next Generation (42261) **11.30** Night Court *(35718)* ***12.00*** *Pages from Skytext*

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.30am News and Business Report *(960494)* ***9.30*** *Nightline (27804)* **10.30** 48 Hours (98858) **11.30** International Business Report (29552) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (92674) **1.30** Good Morning America (93303) **2.30** Parliament (27587) **3.30** The Lords (47668) **4.30** News and Business Report (3991) **5.00** Live at Five (26194) **6.30** News and Business Report (39378) **7.30** 48 Hours (4620) **10.30** Nightline (40823) **11.30** ABC News (10194) **12.30am** 48 Hours (46137) **1.30** ABC News (22330) **2.30** Getaway (54088) **3.30** ABC News (26205) **4.30** Those Were The Days (51330) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (31595)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (6890113)
10.00 Triumph of the Heart (1991). Mario Van Peebles befriends Lane Davis (63842)
12.00 *Echoes of a Summer* *(1976)* Jodie Foster's attitude to her impending death inspires those around her (15378)
2.00pm A Twist of Sand (1968): *Richard* Johnson searches for diamonds (339842)
3.40 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969): Italian villagers hide their wine from the Nazis. Starring Anthony Quinn (54135434)
6.00 Triumph of the Heart (as 10am) (91649)
8.00 To Save a Child (1991). Marita Geraghty's newborn child is taken by Satanists (82495200) **9.40 US Top Ten**
10.00 Midnight Fear (1991) David Carradine comes to the assistance of a terrified August West (28587)
11.30 King of the Kickboxers (1989): *Loren Avedon avenges his brother's murder* in this violent thriller (446858)
1.05am Dangerous Passion (1990) A businessman is framed for murder by his wife and friend. Starring Carl Weathers and Billy Dee Williams (530088)
2.40 Catchfire (1990): Hitman Dennis Hopper falls in love with Jodie Foster, his intended victim (856224)
4.15 Blue Heat (1990): Narcotics officer *Brian Dennehy uncovers a drugs ring with* powerful connections (804208) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Casino Royale (1967): Spoof of James Bond with David Niven (30738945)
8.10 Comanche Station (1960). Randolph Scott rescues a white woman (79860674)
10.00 Deliverance *(1972): Hillbillies prey* upon four businessmen. Starring Jon Voight and Burt Reynolds (600674) Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Duncan's World: A boy and his pet raccoon investigate an explosion (82397)
8.00 Bravestarr: The Legend (1986): *Animated space western (23397)*
10.00 Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number (1966). Estate agent Bob Hope mistakenly rings Elke Sommer (61484)
12.00 Clambake (1967) Elvis Presley musical (84020)
2.00pm Tokyo After Dark (1959): An American soldier in Japan accidentally kills a teenager Starring Michi Kobi (85255)
4.00 Bravestarr: The Legend (as 8am) (5484)
6.00 Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991). Peter Falk investigates (82991)
8.00 Bird on a Wire (1990). Mel Gibson *goes on the run with Goldie Hawn (94736)*
10.00 Flight of the Black Angel (1990) A pilot arms his nuclear weapons (344026)
11.45 The Two Jakes *(1990). Sequel to Chinatown* with Jack Nicholson (78174200)
2.00am Julia and Julia (1987). Kathleen Turner lives two separate lives (76427)
4.00 Puppet Master (1989): Horror story about killer dolls (30408). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am *Stretch (59736)* ***7.00*** *European* Round-Up (56303) **8.00** Snowboarding (98649) **8.30** ATP Tennis (80620) **9.00** Stretch (48200) **9.30** Superbikes (78552) **10.30** Tennis: German Open (7350804) **4.00** Motorsport (94216) **5.00** Boot Room (4910) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (34933) **7.00** Big League (289216) **9.30** Tennis: German Open (53216) **11.30** Soccer Weekend (52194) **12.30-3.00am** Big League (351798)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (85649) **8.00** Triathlon (79200) **9.00** Ice Hockey (45533) **11.00** Boxing (34397) **12.00** Motor Racing Spanish Grand Prix (23823) **1.00pm** Gymnastics (56649) **3.00** Basketball (5026) **3.30** Benson and Hedges Golf (83533) **5.30** Motor Racing. Spanish Grand Prix (90991) **6.30** News (4262) **7.00** Motorsport (34378) **8.00** Ice Hockey (43026) **9.00** Boxing (13397) **10.30** Motor Racing Magazine (96281) **11.00** Motor Racing Spanish Grand Prix (75262) **12.00** *DTM German Touring* Cars (89392) **12.30-1.00am** News (29663)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (35654533) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35755216) **6.30** Jem (1841587) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8972543) **7.30** Neighbours (5922228) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8225465) **8.30** EastEnders (8224736) **9.00** The Bill (8311216) **9.30** The Brothers (8650649) **10.30** Tenko (5343245) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6523755) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8228552) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2116281) **1.00** EastEnders (9322084) **1.30** The Bill (2115552) **2.00** Never the Twain (4357465) **2.30** Solo (4893674) **3.00** Dallas *(6527571)* ***4.00*** *Dynasty (6512378)* ***5.00*** Blankety Blank (4414945) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4787362) **6.00** Neighbours (4550303) **6.30** The Brothers (8905658) **7.30** Never the Twain (4704939) **8.00** EastEnders (4410129) **8.30** Solo (4326736) **9.00** Tenko (4323533) **10.00** The Bill (8229261) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (8318129) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (6514007) **11.30** Dr Who: Colony in Space (1758823) **12.00** Film: Horror Express (1972) starring Christopher *Lee and Peter Cushing (3369842)* **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (5336137)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (72216) **7.00** Ratikan II (65484) **9.00** Jack in the Box (15991) **11.00** Stones Without Words (47378) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (48007) **12.00** Secret Valley (78397) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (50945) **2.00** Stones Without Words (1465) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7945) **3.00** Bobobobs (4143465) **3.25** Ratikan II (966935331) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (4552) **6.00-7.00** Fame (67281)

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Biology — Brain and Behaviour
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air.** *Including* Quilter (Three English Dances, Op 11); Vivaldi (Concerto in D minor for two violins and cello, RV565); Haydn (Symphony No 64 in A, Tempora mutantur); Howells (Three Dances, Op 7)
9.00 Composer of the Week: *Debussy (Cello Sonata in D* minor, Berceuse héroïque; Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Elégie; Violin Sonata in G minor, La plus que lente)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: See Choice
10.10 Morning Sequence: Chopin (*Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op* 52); Roussel (Symphony No 3); Ravel (Pièce en forme d'habanera); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in A, Op 101); Wolf-Ferrari (Idillio concertino); Arensky (Piano Trio in D minor Op 32)
12.00 Great Masters Restored (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Lorna Anderson, soprano, *Malcolm* Martineau, piano, perform Schubert (Four Canzonen, D688; Auf der Riesenkoppe, D611; Sprache der Liebe, D410, Vom Mitleiden Mariae, D632, Heimliches Lieben, D922; Das *Lied im Grünen*, D917); Debussy (Trois poèmes de Stéphane Mallarmé); Poulenc (Métamorphoses), Canteloube (Bailero, Chants d'Auvergne; O *Up! Chants de Languedoc)*
2.00 The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra: The 1970s and 1980s. Recordings by the Orpheus CO and the Chamber *Orchestra of Europe*. Rossini (Overture, The Silken Ladder); Haydn (Symphony No 78 in C minor); Berlioz (Rêverie et Caprice); Stravinsky (Eight Instrumental Miniatures); Copland (Short Symphony). Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F), Mozart (Oboe Concerto in C, K314); Martin (Etudes for string orchestra); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in *D, Classical)*
4.00 Mozart: Quintet in E flat for Piano and Wind, K452
4.30 Singing with Knots: Folk songs and dances from eastern Europe
5.00 In Tune, with Peter Paul Nash
7.30 Tippett and Mahler: David Wilde, piano, Felicity Lott, soprano, BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Tippett (Piano Concerto); Mahler (Symphony No 4 in G) (r)
9.05 That Was the Year That Was: *In the last programme of* the series, Michael Frayn recalls his memories of 1968
9.20 Italian Madrigals: Marenzio (Liquide perle: A che tormi 'l *ben mio*; Lasso ch'io ardo; Cantava la piu vaga; I'piango; Spuntavan gia; Filli, mia bella, a Dio; *Leggiadre Ninfe*); Monteverdi (Mentre io miravo fiso; Crudel, perche mi fuggi; Non sono in queste rive; Ecco mormorar l'onde; Sfogava con le stelle; A un giro sol de' begl'occhi lucenti; Non piu guerra, pietate; Si ch'io vorrei morire; Quel augellin, che canta) (r)
10.15 Edith Vogel Plays Brahms: Seven Fantasies, Op 116 (r)
10.45 Mai: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Souvenirs and Survivors. Alan Hall presents the first of four editions marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of May 1968
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl *6.30, 7.00, 7.30*, **8.00**, **8.30** News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the film director John Boorman (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell presents real-life stories from Bentley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): *Simon Brett with diary extracts* for May 7
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW *only)*: *An Anthology of Spiritual* Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of peace. Read by Paul Scofield, Brid Brennan, David Holt and Alison Reid
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Cardiff, discusses gypsy sites and the future of Britain's hedgerows; and talks to the opera singer Lisa Gasteen, and to Carol Ann Courtney about her new autobiographical novel, *A Shilling for the Axeman*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: *George* Macpherson looks at mayflies
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper *12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End, Patrick MacGill (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Is it possible to learn how to write? Nigel Forde investigates **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Ernst Gombrich's book, *A Life Long Interest*; looks at British sculpture in Derby; listens to the week's soul releases; and talks to Josie Lawrence and Sean Bean about buxom wenches on stage and screen
4.45 Short Story: Men, Those Fabulous Creatures, by A.L. Barker. Read by Joan Matheson (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Transport news with Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 *The Archers*
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Sue MacGregor chairs a *discussion in Brecon*, Powys. The panellists are Noreen Bray, equal opportunities commissioner for Wales; Alex Carlisle, employment spokesman for the *Liberal* Democrats; Dr Kim Howells, MP; and David Hunt, the Welsh secretary
8.50 Law in Action, presented by Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Industrial *Archaeology Comes of Age (r)*
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *Love on* a Branch Line, by John Hadfield. Michael Cochrane reads the final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Hits of the Sixties. *Radio 3, 10.00am and 12.35am.*

Richard Hoggart quotes Proust to de-trivialise his contribution to this mini-series in which writers go *nostalgic about a favourite 1960s* song. Whenever Hoggart hears Clarence Frogman Henry sing "I Don't Know Why *I Love You, but I Do*", he feels "the sadness of unrecoverable time" washing over him, like Proust dipping his madeleine into *his herbal tea*. The recorded song was a birthday gift from his three teenage children who would sing it "like mad" while helping in *the kitchen* with the post-prandial Sunday chores.

Mai. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

A good working knowledge of French is an indispensible requirement for the *full* appreciation of Julian Hales's and Simon Elmes's montage in words and song about the French student riots and industrial strife of May 1968. But even though English takes up no more than ten per cent or so of *Mai's* running time, nobody should have difficulty in recognising what one witness calls the theatricality of the uprising, with its elements of the *Commune* and the *storming* of the Bastille. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.30** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** *Martin Kelner* ***6.15*** *Pause for Thought* **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Simon Hoggart **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here! Mark Steyn hosts the quiz about musicals **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Vanessa Latarche at the piano **9.00** *Listen to the Band. Tredegar Town Band under Nigel* Weeks **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from Belfast **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** *Schools: Topic Resources* 9-11; **9.15** Playtime, **9.30** The Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About, **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** It's My Party: Craig Charles (r) **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Nigel and Earl Sort Out the World **7.15** Hard Cash **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III **10.10** Rave **Midnight** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** The World That Came in from the Cold **9.00** News ***9.10*** *Words of Faith* ***9.15*** *Music Review* **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sport **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The World That *Came in from the Cold* **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. Falling **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** *The World Today* **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** News **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: The Bowgeda Birds **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** News **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Oboe Concerto: David Theodore) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Kurt Masur conducts Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Haydn), Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 3) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance *7.00 Emperor Rosko live from Hollywood* **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

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Clough puts himself back in frame at Forest



Clough: change of plan

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IF YOU thought you had heard the last of Brian Clough, that "Old Big 'Ead" had finally bowed out gracefully after years of hogging the headlines and playing to the camera, you were wrong. No such luck. The last reel of the *Brian Clough Story* had to have a better ending than that.

Yesterday, therefore, Clough rode back into the picture with all guns blazing, as aggressive, outspoken and single-minded as ever, the avenging sheriff of Nottingham warning his adversary in a Texas drawl: "This town ain't big enough for the both of us." Nottingham Forest, it seems, ain't big enough for Brian Clough and Chris Wootton.

The bitterness that tarnished his decision to retire after 18 years resurfaced as Clough furiously criticised Wootton's refusal to resign from the club's board of directors — Wootton, the man whose discussions with a Sunday newspaper and allegations about Clough's health and habits had hastened his retirement announcement, who had since rejected a request from the board to stand down and who has now been stripped of all "executive duties". Clough's response was to declare: "He goes or I don't."

It the intent of that was to increase the pressure on Wootton to resign, then Clough succeeded. Fred Reacher, the Forest chairman, wasted no time in pleading with Wootton to go, saying: "I really do feel very strongly that Mr Wootton should seriously reconsider his position and resign. His colleagues have stated that they are refusing to work with him and, if he has any feelings for Nottingham Forest Football Club, which he claims he has, then the right and honourable thing to do would be to go." Reacher felt, nonetheless, that Clough would retire "on time" after Forest's final reserve game next Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, Clough had been unequivocal: "Either he [Wootton] goes or I stay. He is a Judas and I want to see the decks cleared before I leave. If he doesn't go, then I'm not retiring. I'm going to see him off.

"I still have a year running of my contract and I'll see it through if necessary. As long as Wootton survives as a director, suspended or not, I'm staying. There will be no retirement until he has gone. He started all this and I'm going to finish it. It's as simple as that. I'll stay for another five years if that's as long as it takes."

Theoretically, the final showdown may have to wait until October, when the club holds its annual meeting and could discuss a vote of no-confidence. The club's constitution will not allow Wootton's removal from office until then, unless either the chairman or 20 of Forest's 209 shareholders — of which Clough is one — sign a petition calling an extraordinary meeting.

It was a bad day for directors at Liverpool, as well, as Ian Rush, the Welsh international forward and a senior player, yesterday urged the board to make a decision soon on whether or not to retain Graeme Souness as manager. "This should be decided one way or the other," he said. "They should give him a vote of confidence or tell him he is going."

Fowler returns to haunt his old friends

BY PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD: (first day of four; Durham won toss) Durham have scored 330 for two wickets against Lancashire

FOOTBALL talks about the immutable law of the Ex — where a player returns to torment his former club. Cricket has no such phrase, but from the moment the 1993 fixture sent Graeme Fowler back to make his championship debut for Durham at Old Trafford after being controversially released by Lancashire, it was a racing certainty that he would help to embarrass his former county.

In the event Fowler fell one short of a well-deserved 50, but with the ball bouncing and seaming on a green, mottled pitch, very unlike the ones that earned Peter Marron his groundsman of the year award last year, his contribution was a significant one. "I was very nervous, from the moment we came here for a net on Wednesday," Fowler, an emotional man behind the flippant exterior, said, but he disguised it well.

"At last we've got a batsman who leaves the ball," David Graveney said, approvingly watching Fowler resolutely withdraw his bat as the ball moved away from him alarmingly. With Larkins, who picked Martin up for an effortless six over midwicket, playing in his inimitable way, unaffected by the pitch or the bowling, Durham had a prosperous start.

Larkins escaped a chance to leg slip on 45, both saw edges flying through or over slips, and they were helped, too, by the Lancashire bowlers responding to sight of the ball bouncing by pitching too short. Even that did not hide the promise of Glen Chapple, who ran in and bowled distinctly quickly, one snorter going through Fowler's hasty defensive stroke to be taken high above his head by Hegg.

DeFreitas, initially looking much happier after his dismal winter, also had his moments and finally persuaded Fowler to follow a ball which left him after a stay of nearly 150 minutes. Larkins followed soon after as Chapple beat him with pace and movement, and Durham's rate slowed as Parker and Bainbridge took time to acclimatise.

They did so successfully enough to set a Durham record for the third wicket. By the close DeFreitas's slumped shoulders suggested he would rather be in Bombay, and Durham's position was beyond David Graveney's wildest expectations when he decided to bat. "There are holes in the wicket and I batted on the grounds that it is going to get worse for everybody," Graveney said. If he is right, Lancashire may face an uphill struggle.

Scoreboards, page 38

Fleming relieves tedium of Kent innings

BY IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (first day of four; Kent won toss): Middlesex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 249 runs behind Kent

THERE was a rumour at Lord's yesterday that the sunshine was too bright for the scorers' new lap-top computers to function effectively. This turned out to be apocryphal, but it would scarcely have mattered. Kent's scoring rate was such that they would not have been taxed unduly.

Not, at any rate, until Fleming came to the wicket. Mindful that this was four-day cricket, Kent's openers and middle-order were content to meander along at little more than two runs an over, bent on consolidation in the absence of Hooper, their most gifted batsman. It was an overtentative approach.

There was, it was true, some turn for Tufnell even before lunch. As if relishing being well-distanced from India, he bowled beautifully and deserved more than his four wickets. For the quicker bowlers, it was a matter of maintaining length and line, which Kent, unwittingly, allowed them to do.

Even Ward managed only a single in the first eight overs. Two lovely fours followed, one straight and the other through the covers off the back foot, before Feltham held an excellent catch in his follow-through. After that, there was the kind of partnership between Benson and Taylor that has become commonplace down the years, 83 in 39 overs and not a chance offered.

It was the kind of durable batting Kent have come to rely on. Yet no sooner did they try to do something about the scoring rate than both were gone. Benson attempting to swing Tufnell to leg and Taylor caught at short cover looking to force Feltham. Cowdrey was beaten by one Tufnell spun across him and Llong, given a rare opportunity up the order, was still feeling his way when he was taken at the wicket.

There is, of course, only one way in which Fleming can play Tufnell. It would not be unkind to say that there is only one way he can play. The game is compelling when he is at the crease, forcing off the back foot with a minimum of back lift and swinging easily at anything pitched up. No one, let alone he, knows for certain where the ball will end up, but he can be mightily effective.

His was the lion's share of a partnership of 65 with Llong. Tufnell was taken out of the attack for a while by Carr, leading Middlesex in the absence of Gatting. Fleming notwithstanding, Middlesex finished very much in the ascendancy.

Sussex struggle, page 38

Hick gives tourists lesson in timing

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (second day of three): Worcestershire, with seven second-innings wickets standing, are 139 runs ahead of the Australians

THOSE of Graeme Hick's followers dismayed by yesterday's headline in the Worcester evening newspaper (*Hick fails as county slide*) will have been bemused to hear later reports of a thrilling, unbeaten 161 by their hero. This, though, was the second phase of a strangely contrary day that began with Worcestershire being bowled out for 90 and ended with the Australian attack wondering where their next wicket was coming from.

If the morning collapse was spectacular, nine wickets falling in 17 overs, it was no more surprising than an afternoon session in which Worcestershire, following on 172 behind, scored 155 without loss. The pitch was still variable of bounce but the batting was immeasurably more positive and, for the first time in the match, the bowling looked compliant.

The Australians chose to leave both their strike bowlers out of this match and they must now be regretting it. They began the game with no lofty opinions of Hick, but they have seen him at his most imperious, scoring psychological points he would surely have found more elusive against Hughes or McDermott.

Hick had his luck, as David Boon had had on Wednesday. It was, indeed, Boon who missed him at square leg, when he had scored 31, but he had made only 17 when, facing Julian, he offered Healy the most straightforward of wicketkeeping catches and saw it spilt.

He did not give another chance in a stay of more than four hours — five years to the day after his monumental 405 not out against Somerset. His footwork and timing grew in authority the longer he batted, his treatment of Shane Warne's leg-spin verged on the disdainful and he played, eventually, as if the notion of dismissal was laughable.

Hick, though, proved in India what an accomplished player of spin he is, and those who still doubt him will want to see evidence that he can be as assertive against bowling that is quick, straight and sometimes short, a combination that the tourists' support seam attack found beyond them as the day wore on.

They had no such problems before lunch. Hick was first out, pushing diffidently at a ball from Reiffel that left him, and there were three wickets for each of the faster bowlers during a quite woeful surrender by Worcestershire. Julian, with his inswing and left-armer's angle, was the most impressive of the three, but the Australians did not need to bowl devastatingly with such assistance from the conditions and the opposition.

Worcestershire's total equalled their lowest against Australia since 1926 and extras, embarrassingly, was top scorer. When Weston was out for the second time in a session, the game looked destined to end in two days.

In blissful afternoon sunshine, Hick and Curtis changed all that, putting on 168 to wipe out the deficit. By the close of a remarkable day, Hick had made even a Worcestershire victory feasible.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings. 262 (D C Boon 108)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Julian	1
W P C Weston c Martyn b Julian	17
G A Hick c Taylor b Reiffel	5
D B D'Oliveira c Healy b Holdsworth	13
A C H Seymour c Healy b Julian	6
S R Lampitt lbw b Reiffel	4
S J Rhodes c Healy b Reiffel	0
R K Illingworth c Taylor b Holdsworth	12
P J Newport run out	7
N V Radford c Healy b Holdsworth	4
C M Tolley not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3, nb 12)	21
Total	90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-31, 3-35, 4-47, 5-55, 6-59, 7-59, 8-68, 9-82.

BOWLING: Holdsworth 7-5-3-15-3; Julian 13-6-31-3; Reiffel 10-5-21-3; M E Waugh 3-0-17-0

Second Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Julian	67
W P C Weston c Taylor b Holdsworth	16
G A Hick not out	161
D B D'Oliveira b Warne	27
A C H Seymour not out	12
Extras	28
Total (3 wkts)	330

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-189, 3-252.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer.

IAN STEWART



Awkward stance: Olazábal saved his par with the aid of this recovery shot from a poor lie at the 8th hole

Olazábal enjoys his good fortune

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

ON THE first day of the Benson and Hedges International Open at St Mellion yesterday the sun was shining, the breeze was a mere zephyr by Cornish standards and it seemed possible that all might be right with the world.

For Nick Faldo that illusion ended with his opening drive, at the 10th, which ended unplayable behind a tree. The Open champion salvaged his par four despite the penalty drop, hitting a seven-iron to 20 feet and holing the putt. Some more inspired scrambling followed and two birdies in the last three holes, including a three-iron to five feet at the 9th, saw him finish with a round of 70, two under par, only three shots behind the leaders.

José Maria Olazábal, Gordon Brand Jr and Sven Struver, a promising German, all had days they could not complain about, returning rounds of 67 to share top spot, one stroke ahead of Vijay Singh and Mark James. "Everything was smooth for me," Olazábal, the winner here three years ago, said. "I had three great breaks and I putted awfully well." The best of those breaks came at the 8th, where a nine-iron ended in a dreadful lie just over the back of a bunker and he had to hole a putt of 25 feet to save his par. He drilled a two-iron more than 190 yards into the wind to 12 feet at the 9th and holed the putt for a three — his sixth birdie of the day — to come home in 32.

Brand, disqualified in Cannes last week for neglecting to sign his card, found that the enforced practice at home had its rewards. "Conditions were perfect and I made the best of them," he said. Brand dropped his only shot at the 13th, his fourth hole, where he lost his drive in the whins. A nine-iron to two feet secured the bogey, not a bad score on a course where doubles and trebles are common enough to drive a body to ask for them at the 19th too.

It is Struver's first visit to St Mellion but he had heard enough to realise that his immaculate card of five birdies and 13 pars represented an exceptional effort. "The course is more than great," he said, "it's ... horrendous." That might not have been the exact word he was searching for but it aptly summed up Jack Nicklaus's creation.

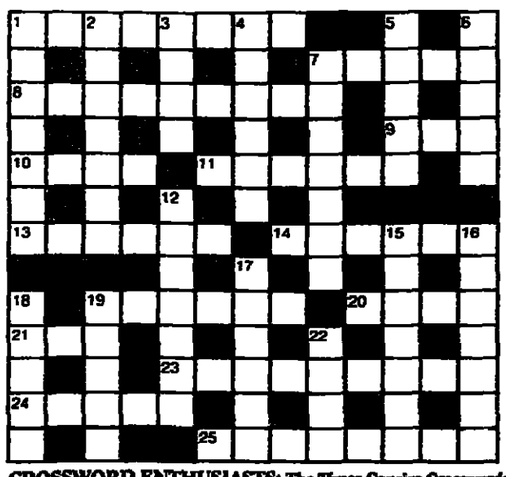
Struver, 25, who lives in Hamburg, must have wondered what all the fuss was about when he started with two birdies and went out in 33. He chipped in from about 45 feet for a two at the 14th and from 30 feet for a birdie at the last.

Singh would have given a lot for that three. The Fijian, who started at the 10th, opened up birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie but proved he was not immune to the menace of St Mellion by taking seven at the 18th, where what looked to be a near perfect two-iron approach finished in the water. He then took three putts — graphic proof of Faldo's contention that it is not necessary to hit a bad shot here to get into a lot of trouble.

SCORES FROM ST MELLION

FIRST-ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: G Brand Jr, J M Olazábal (Sp), S Struver (Ger). 68: V Singh (Fiji), M James. 69: B Lane, D Gilford, P Broadhurst, G J Brand, J Haeggman (Swe). 70: R Chapman, J Sewell, D A Russell, N Faldo, C Rocca (It), C Montgomerie, M Mouland, P Affleck. 71: S Torrance, J Payne, R Davis (Aus), M Pinero (Sp), C O'Connor Jnr, R Claydon, A Oldcorn.72: M Poxon, P Lawrie, P McGinley, E O'Connell, G Evans, P Curry, M Mackenzie, B Gallacher, M Besancenay (Fr), J Townsend (US). 73: A Bossert (Switz), J Robson, M Farry (Fr), C Cassells, R Karlsson (Swe), F Nobilo (NZ), A Forsbrand (Swe), M Ros, P Walton, V Fernandez (Arg), A Murray, O Karlsson (Swe). 74: C Mason, O Sellberg (Swe), A Coltart, B Malley (US), A Sorensen (Den), G Turner (NZ), A Gäliner (Swe), R Willison, P Senior (Aus), A Lyle, D W Besson (SA), * G Wolstenholme, M Gates, T Levet (Fr), R Boxall, M McLean, S Luna (Sp), M A Jimenez (Sp), H Clark, G Lovenson (SA), I Garbutt, M McNulty (Zim), P Mayo, I Palmer (SA), P Fowler (Aus), G Orr, A Johnstone (Zim), H-P Thuel (Ger), D Curry, P Eales, P Hall. 75: P Price, S McAllister, J Carriles (Sp), M Sunesson (Swe), S Tinning (Den), R McFarlane, J Berendt (Arg), W Riley (Aus), G Nicklaus, S Richardson, S Ames (Tri), R Lee, E Darcy, G Day (US), P Baker, P Mitchell, R Winchester, A Jacklin, P Teravainen (US), G Ralph, G Clough.

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13 Arthurian wizard (6)
14 Muddle (4,2)
19 Very smart (6)
20 Couple (4)
21 Sailor (3)
23 Abandoned infant (9)
24 Evening entertainment (5)
25 Gelatin source (8)

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2 Flash brightly (7)
3 Ear flap (4)
4 1066 conqueror (6)
5 Magic incantation (5)
6 Cow stomach dish (5)
7 Smokestack (7)
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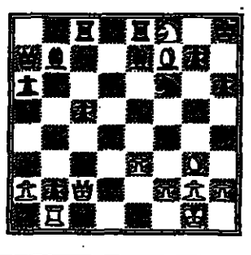
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Zaitsev — Mikhalcisin, USSR 1984. Here, black's king has no squares to move to — an obvious danger sign. Can you see how white closed the net on his prey?



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Championship Chess, page 8

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

ZAIKAI
a. The Carthaginian sceptre
b. Financial circles
c. Fanatical vegetarianism

DOSSAL
a. A back cloth
b. Rock salt
c. To sleep on the floor

EVENHEAD
a. A river source
b. Decapitation
c. Impartiality

BUMBLEPUPPY
a. A padded slipper
b. The runt of a litter
c. A bad card-player

Answers on page 36

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